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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Monday* the Nineteenth Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven,

P R E S E N T

The Honorable

William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN TANNER, Esq;	}	Assistants.
EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;		
WILLIAM WEST, Esq;		
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;		
PARDON GRAY, Esq;		

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq;*
 Christopher Ellery, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas Rumreill.

PROVIDENCE:

Jonathan Arnold, *Esq;*
 Mr. William Rhodes.

PORTSMOUTH:

Mr. David Gifford.

WARWICK:

Mr. James Rhodes,
 Mr. Benjamin Arnold, *jun.*
 Mr. Thomas Rice, *jun.*

WESTERLY:

Mr. Thomas Ross,
 James Babcock, *Esq;*

NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

NORTH-KINOSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq;*
 Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Immanuel Cafe, *Esq;*
 Mr. Enoch Hazzard.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq;*
 Mr. Rufus Spencer.

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq;*

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq;*
 Mr. Ezekiel Angell.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, *Esq;*
 Timothy Hopkins, *Esq;*

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. John Smith, *jun.*
 Mr. Stephen Winfor.

CHARLESTOWN:

Col. Gideon Hoxsie,
 Mr. Robert Congdon.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*
 Mr. Elisha Greene.

COVENTRY:

Ephraim Westcot, *Esq;*
 Mr. John Greene.

EXETER:

Mr. John Chapman,
 Mr. Daniel Sunderland.

MIDDLETOWN:

None.

BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, *Esq;*
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

Mr. Isaac Manchester,
 William Cooke, *Esq;*

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Mr. Nathaniel Scarle, *jun.*
 Mr. Aaron Wilbour.

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child.

CUMBERLAND:

Col. George Peck.

RICHMOND:

Major Richard Bailey,
 Mr. Joseph Woodmansee, *jun.*

CRANSTON:

Col. Christopher Lippitt,
 Mr. Nehemiah Rhodes.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *Esq;*
 Mr. Edward Wells.

JOHNSTON:

Mr. Noah Mathewson.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, *Esq;*
 Elek Hopkins, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON:

Paul Mumford, *Esq;*
 Major Peleg Heath.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Philip Wilkinson*, and his Wife, *P. Wilkinson* and Capt. *Nathan Bull*, *Margaret Drew*, and *William Miller*, be permitted to go in a Flag of Truce to *Newport*, from *North-Kingstown*, under the Care of Col. *Charles Dyre*, with their wearing Apparel, and such Articles of Household Furniture as the said *Charles* shall think necessary for the Use of their Families : That the said *Philip Wilkinson* carry his male Servant of eleven Years of Age, and his female Servants, and no others, with him, and none of his Plate : That Col. *Dyre* take Care that they carry no Letters with them, but such as *John Northup*, and *Sylvester Gardner*, Esquires, shall inspect, and appoint the Persons to go in the Vessel : And that the whole be transacted without any Expence to the State. *permitted to go in a Flag to Newport.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred Weight of Powder, and Two Hundred Weight of Lead, be delivered, by Mr. *John Jenckes*, to each of the Towns of *Westerly* and *South-Kingstown*, and Two Hundred Weight of Lead to the Town of *Richmond*. *J. Jenckes to deliver Powder and Lead to sundry Towns.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Level Maxwell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Freight of two Carriage Guns, from *Warren* to *East-Greenwich* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Level Maxwell*, out of the General-Treasury. *L. Maxwell allowed £ 3.*

WHEREAS it has been represented to this Assembly, that Capt. *Ebenezer Adams* has disposed of a Gun, the Property of this State : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That he be forthwith required to attend this Assembly, and that Col. *Dyre* be requested to attend with any Evidences who have any Knowledge of the Disposal of said Gun. *E. Adams to attend the Assembly.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Joseph Hoxsie*, *Gideon Hoxsie*, and *James Babcock*, be a Committee to receive the Stock belonging to the Farm late improved by Mr. *Silas Niles*, agreeable to the Lease and Schedule received by said *Niles* from this State ; that if the said Committee shall be dissatisfied with the Stock he shall turn out, they be empowered to take such of the said *Niles's* Stock as they shall think agreeable to his Lease and Schedule, in which Case they are to assess the Damages for their not being delivered the Twenty-fifth of *April* last ; the said *Silas Niles* having agreed before this Assembly to abide the Doings and Report of said Committee ; and said Committee are further empowered to deliver said Stock to *Stephen Champlin* and *Job Watson*, to whom said Farm is leased ; the said *Stephen* and *Job* having agreed before this Assembly to receive the same agreeable to the Determination of said Committee. *Committee to receive Stock, &c. from S. Niles.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Caleb Harris*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to collect the Salt-Petre purchased by this State ; that he inspect the Treasury Books, to know the Quantity purchased, and of whom ; and that, when collected, he deposite the same in Places of Safety ; that *Beriah Brown*, Esq; forthwith take Possession of the Salt-Petre in the Possession of *Andrew Balfour*, belonging to this State ; that *Edward Wells*, and *Joseph Maxson*, deliver the Salt-Petre by them manufactured before the Fifth Day of *May* inst. to the said *Caleb Harris* ; that he inspect the same, *C. Harris, &c. to collect Salt-Petre.*

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same, and that they be allowed the Bounty heretofore allowed by this State, for so much as shall be approved by the said *Caleb*.

Commissary
to procure
Milk, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Commissary be and he is hereby directed to use his utmost Endeavours to procure Milk, and the other Articles which are to be furnished the Troops by the Commissary, at the stated Price; and, if necessary, that he apply to the Commanding Officer of any Division of the Troops within this State, who are hereby required to aid and assist him in procuring the same.

S. Gardner to
lay his Ac-
count before
the Council
of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major *Sylvester Gardner*, as Quarter-Master of the Troops stationed in *King's County*, lay all his Accounts against this State before the Council of War, to be by them delivered to the standing Committee, to be examined; that Report be made to said Council of War, who are hereby empowered to adjust the same, and to make such Deductions as they shall think just and reasonable.

Sheriff of
King's County
to take Pos-
session of the
Stock late
Charles Slo-
cum's.
R. Smith al-
lowed £6.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff for the County of *King's County* immediately take Possession of the Stock late belonging to *Charles Slocum*, deceased; and that he apply to Col. *Dyre* to place a Guard for the Protection of the same.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for taking Possession of sundry Farms in the County of *Bristol*, in Behalf of this State, by Virtue of a Warrant from his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Six Pounds Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

B. Stelle
allowed £ 39
to .

WHEREAS at a Session of this Assembly, held on the First Monday of *March* last past, Mr. *Benjamin Stelle* exhibited an Account of Effects lost on *Rhode-Island*, in Consequence of his being the Officer of a Flag of Truce sent to *Block-Island*, at the Time *Rhode-Island* was evacuated; whereby it was rendered impracticable for him to secure the same: And whereas, at said Session, said Account was allowed by a Vote of the Lower House, with which the Upper House non-concurred; but upon further Enquiry, it appearing reasonable that the same should be paid by this State, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Account be allowed; and that Thirty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Stelle*, out of the General-Treasury.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That this Vote shall not be drawn into Precedent, for the making any Allowance to any Persons who were upon *Rhode-Island* at the Time when the Enemy took Possession of the same, for any such Losses by them sustained.

W. Bently's
Boat to be de-
livered to
him, he
proving his
Property.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Boat lately brought from *Newport*, by three Negroes, be delivered to *William Bently*, he proving his Property in the same, to the Satisfaction of Col. *Sands*; and that said Boat be kept in such Place as shall be approved of by Col. *Sands*.

IT

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *John Jenckes* and *Christopher Eliery* be a Committee to adjust the Account of *William Waterman* with this State, as Master of the Sloop *Diamond*, on her Voyage to and from *Martinico*. Committee to adjust *W. Waterman's* Account.

WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, *H. Ward* al- charged against him by *Ezekiel Burr*, for a Quantity of Writing Paper, Sealing Wax and Waters, purchased at Vendue for the Use of the Secretary's Office: And the said Account being duly examined: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury. allowed £ 22 11 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS by a Resolve of the Council of War, the Sheriff for the County of *Kent* was directed forthwith to remove the Sugar at Mr. *Charles Holden's*, in the Possession of this State, to a Place of Safety: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sheriff be and he is hereby directed to delay removing said Sugars until further Orders from this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof from the Council of War. Removal of Sugars at *Pawtuxet* postponed.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Waterman* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for ten Reams of Paper delivered the Secretary, for the Use of the State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be credited the said *William Waterman*, in the Adjustment of his Account with the State, as Master of the Sloop *Diamond*, on her Voyage to and from *Martinico*. *W. Waterman* allowed £ 20 8 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Sheffield*, of *Westerly*, in the County of *King's County*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he is desirous, with such others as may join him, to fit out a small Privateer, of about Twenty-five Tons Burthen, in order to cruize off the *Narraganset* Shores, and elsewhere, for Vessels belonging to the Enemies of the United States; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him a Permit, with such others as may see fit to join him, to fit out said Privateer, under such Directions and Regulations as this Assembly may think proper. *S. Sheffield* permitted to fit out a Privateer.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted, the said *Samuel* complying with the Law.

THE Inhabitants of this State being put to great Inconveniences for Want of small Money: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Sum equal to *Fifteen Thousand Dollars*, in Bills of Credit, be immediately printed, and signed by the Persons hereinafter mentioned, and lodged in the General-Treasury, and be applied towards paying the contingent Charges of Government: That the said Bills be redeemed by a Tax to be levied on the Inhabitants at the Time therein specified, and be of the following Denominations, *to wit*: Bill for emitting £ 4500 Lawful Money.

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8490	of One-Third of a Dollar,	£ 849
12000	One-Fourth of a Dollar,	900
15000	One-Sixth of a Dollar,	750
15000	One-Eighth of a Dollar,	562 10
15000	One-Ninth of a Dollar,	500
15000	One-Twelfth of a Dollar,	375
15000	One-Eighteenth of a Dollar,	250
15000	One-Twenty-fourth of a Dollar,	187 10
15080	One Thirty-sixth of a Dollar,	126
		£ 4500 0

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Bills be of the following Form, to wit :

“ State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

“ No. 1777, May 22. One-Sixth of a Dollar.

“ THIS Bill entitles the Possessor to receive *One-Sixth of a Dollar*, out of the General-Treasury of this State, by the Twenty-second of May, 1785, and shall be received for that Sum in all Payments, agreeable to an Act of said State.”

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Bills shall be a lawful Tender in Discharge of all Contracts, Debts, Dues and Demands, whether of a public or private Nature.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Ebenezer Thompson, Jonathan Arnold, Paul Allen, John Innis Clarke, William Bowen, George Olney,* and *Theodore Foster* (who have generously undertaken to do the same gratis) with such others as shall be added by the Council of War, be a Committee to procure Paper, agree with the Printer, have the same printed, and sign the same; and that each of the said Bills be signed by one Person.

Pay and Rations allowed to the Watch in *Westerly*.

WHEREAS Capt. *Samuel Champlin* represented unto this Assembly, that in Consequence of a Petition some Time since preferred to this Assembly, and by them referred to the Honorable Major-General *Spencer*, respecting the keeping up a sufficient Watch in *Westerly*, to guard their Shores, the General has appointed him to have the Command of said Watch, and that he has intitled the Number of Men assigned for that Purpose, who have been on Duty from the Twelfth of *February* last past; and that no Provision being made for them, on Account of their being remote from the Commissary's Store, they were obliged to billet themselves: And thereupon the said *Samuel Champlin*, for himself and in Behalf of the Men under his Command, requested this Assembly to determine whether they shall be allowed for their Board, or draw Provisions of the Commissary for the Time they have served.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said *Samuel Champlin* be allowed the Pay and Rations of a Sergeant: That the Privates be allowed the same Pay and Rations as are allowed in the Continental Service: and that the standing Committee ascertain what is due to them for their Wages and Rations.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Uriah Stone* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that having entered on board the Galley *Spitfire*, commanded by Capt. *Isaac Tyler*, in the Service of this State, in the Capacity of a Steward, he did, on the Twenty-second of *February* last, receive a Shot from the Enemy's Battery, on *Rhode-Island*, whereby he lost his left Arm, above the Elbow, and is thereby in a Manner disabled from gaining a Livelihood; and that he also lost his Cloaths on board said Galley when she was destroyed by Fire: And thereupon solicited this Assembly to make him some Provision for Life, as also some Allowance for the Loss sustained in his Cloathing, &c.

Uriah Stone
allowed
Wages, &c.

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Uriah Stone* continue to draw his Wages and Rations from *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; until the further Orders of this Assembly.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service, in going Express with the Acts of Assembly to the several Town-Clerks and Colonels of Militia and Independent Companies in *King's County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds and Two Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Beriah Waite*, out of the General-Treasury.

B. Waite al-
lowed £ 2 2 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Taylor* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Use of his Sulkey to carry a *French Officer* to *Lebanon*, in the State of *Connecticut*, on his Way to *General Washington's Army*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound and Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Edward Taylor*, out of the General-Treasury.

E. Taylor al-
lowed £ 1 4 s.

WHEREAS Doctor *John Bartlett* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Wages, as Surgeon of the *Rhode-Island* Brigade, and as Director of the *Rhode-Island* Hospital, and for back Pay, being the Difference between Continental Pay, and the Wages allowed by this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-one Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Balance of said Account, after deducting the back Pay of *Eight Pounds*, be paid unto the said *John Bartlett*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Bartlett al-
lowed £ 21.

WHEREAS *Frederick Wightman*, *Holmes Wightman*, and *George Wightman*, Sons of *George Wightman*, now in the Service of the Enemy, are suspected of being unfriendly to the United States: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of *King's County* forthwith apprehend them, and confine them in the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, to the End that they may be examined before this Assembly, or the Council of War in the Recess thereof; and all military Officers and others are hereby required to aid and assist the said Sheriff, in the Execution of this Resolve.

F. Wightman,
&c. to be
confined in
Gaol.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Doctor *Jonathan Arnold*, and Mr. *Thomas Rumreill*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise the Table of Fees.

Committee to
revise the Ta-
ble of Fees.

Table of Fees of all the Officers, within this State; and that they make Report of the same to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Inferior Court
in *Bristol* re-
vived.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, which was to have been held at *Bristol*, within and for the County of *Bristol*, on the First Monday of *January* last past, was not then held, by Reason of the Confusion of this State, in Consequence of the *British* Troops being in Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all Business then lying before said Court, and all Executions returnable thereto, be heard and returned at the next Inferior Court, to be holden within and for said County, on the First Monday of *July* next, in the same Manner as though said Court had been held upon said First Monday of *January* last past.

Y Babcock al-
lowed £ 2
14 s

WHEREAS Mr. *Ichabod Babcock*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express from *Westerly* to *Little-Redd Hill*, in *South-Kingstown*, by Order of Col. *Noyes*, and from thence to *Providence*, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed: and that the Amount thereof, being Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings Lawful Money, be paid the said *Ichabod Babcock*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to
deliver the
Records of
the Inferior
Court in
King's County
to the Clerk.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Carder Hafzard* and *Immanuel Case* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of Mr. *Benjamin Peckham*, the late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace of the County of *King's County*, all the Records, Files, Seal, and all other Things belonging to said Office, and deliver the same to *Freeman Perry*, Esq; the present Clerk of said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee to
view the
House, &c.
on the *Sewall*
Farm.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to receive the Stock of Mr. *Silas Niles*, and deliver it to the present Tenants of the *Sewall Farm*, Messieurs *Stephen Champlin* and *Job Watson*, and for other Purposes as by the Vote appointing them is mentioned, be also empowered and directed to view the House and other Buildings on said Farm, and report the State thereof with the other Matters referred to them as aforesaid.

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An A C T empowering and directing the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, in and for this State, to meet and hold a Special Court for the Trial of Offenders against the United States in general, or this State in particular.

Assem-
pling the Jus-
tices of the
Superior
Court to
meet, &c.

WHEREAS a Number of Persons have been committed for high Crimes to several Gaols in this State, and as the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, will not meet according to the stated Terms, until *September* next, and the Difficulties

difficulties and Dangers of the Times and the public Safety require that a speedy Trial of said Persons be had, and that the said Court be held in the County of *Providence* :

Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the said Justices be and they are hereby empowered and directed to meet specially in the County of *Providence*, on *Monday* the Second Day of *June* next, and proceed to the Trial of all Offenders against the United States in general, or this State in particular, who now stand committed, or who may be committed before or during the Session of the said Court: That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be and hereby is empowered to impanel special Juries, by Writ of *Venire Facias*, to be issued by said Court for the Trial of such Offenders; and that the said Justices and all other Officers of said Court be as fully empowered to act and do every Thing necessary for the Purpose aforesaid, as though the said Court was held at the stated Term Time, and the Offenders were Inhabitants of and guilty of the Offences within the County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, that many of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Exeter*, in this State, have opposed the raising the Number of Men allotted to said Town, by this Assembly, at their Session in *April* last, and in a most daring and insolent Manner still refuse to raise, or aid and assist in raising and furnishing the same, in Defiance of the express Order and Demand of the legislative and civil Authority of this State; whereby, and from their Numbers, it hath become necessary that the military Force of this State should be exerted, in order to bring to condign Punishment such atrocious and high-handed Offenders: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to the Honorable Major-General *Spencer*, and he is requested, to march such a Number of the Militia, or Troops belonging to this State, or Continental Troops, under his Command, as he shall think fit, into the said Town of *Exeter*, and seize, detain and confine in the Gaols within this State, or under Guard, such and so many of the disaffected Inhabitants of said Town, or of any other Towns within this State, as he shall judge the public Peace and Safety requires.

General Spencer requested to send a military Force to Exeter.

AND it is further requested, that he afford to the well-affected Inhabitants of said Town of *Exeter*, and any other Town, all necessary Aid and Protection against the evil Practices and Designs of the Enemies of this and the United States of *America*; and that this Resolve continue in Force until further Orders from this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof from the Council of War.

WHEREAS Doctor *William Wittridge* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines by him furnished to and for his Attendance on sundry sick Soldiers, stationed at *Howland's Ferry*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Wittridge*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Wittridge allowed £ 15 11 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Gardner*, jun. presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences, jun. allowed

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£ 1 10 s.

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&c. in going on an Express to General *West*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Caleb Gardner, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Warner's *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of Mr. *John Warner* be and the same is hereby referred to the Consideration and Determination of the Council of War.
Petition referred to the Council of War.

J. Shearman *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *James Shearman* be requested to attend on this Assembly, on *Saturday* Morning, at Nine o'Clock, to give Information of any Money and Effects he may have in his Possession, being the Property of Mr. *Isaac Howland*, now or late of *Jamestown*; and that the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* forthwith serve the said *James Shearman* with a Copy of this Resolve.
to attend the Assembly.

J. Rhodes al- *WHEREAS* Mr. *James Rhodes* laid before this Assembly an Account, by lowed £ 20 him charged against the State, for Provisions and other Necessaries by him furnished to seven Men, who were placed as a Guard at *Watch-Hill*, by Order of General *Spencer*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty Pounds Five Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *James Rhodes*, out of the General-Treasury.
5s. 11d.

Bounty on *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Bounty of *One Shilling* be allowed for every Bushel of good merchantable Salt, that shall be made within this State, within one Year from the Rising of this Assembly, in Addition to the Bounty already allowed; provided the Person who makes the same shall declare under Oath, that the same was made out of salt Water, within this State, and without any Collusion.
Salt.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That a Bounty of *Three Shillings* be allowed for every Bushel of good and merchantable Salt which shall be imported from foreign Parts, and brought into any Ports of this State, within one Year from the Rising of this Assembly, excepting Salt brought in Prize-Vessels; provided the Person who imports the same shall give the Refusal thereof to this State.

Shutters, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter, Esq;* procure Shutters to be procured for the three West Windows of the State-House in *King's County*, and cause them to be hung, and also a Lock and Latch suitable for the Door of the Chamber, and have them put on before the next Session of this Assembly in that County; and that he lay the Bills therefor before the next Session of Assembly, after the same shall be compleated, for Allowance.
to be procured for the State-House in King's County.

C Child al- *WHEREAS* Mr. *Cromel Child* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials by him furnished for and Labour done in repairing the Row-Galley *Spitfire*: And the said Account being duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, who reported the Sum of *Two Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money due to the said *Cromel Child*; which being duly examined, *It is Voted*
lowed £ 231
9s. 4d.

Voted and Resolved, That said Report be and hereby is accepted; and that the Sum afore said be paid the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Enoch Hazzard* (in Behalf of the Town-Council of *South-Kingstown*) presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Number of Fire-Arms, Cartridge-Boxes, Belts, Knapfacks and Blankets, provided by the said Council for such of the Inhabitants of the said Town as were unable to furnish themselves: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Enoch Hazzard*, out of the General-Treasury. *E. Hazzard* allowed £ 41 18 s. 10 d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Doctor *Jonathan Arnold*, Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *William Channing*, Esq; be a Committee to draft an Act against Treason, &c. and that they make Report as soon as may be. Committee to draft an Act against Treason, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Daughter of Mr. *Nathan Bull*, and the Son of Mrs. *Mary Coddington*, and *Susannah Gardner*, Daughter of *Samuel Gardner*, be permitted to go in the Flag of Truce to *Newport* with the said *Nathan Bull*, under the Regulations and Restrictions contained in the Resolve granting Permission for the said Flag. Sundry Persons permitted to go to Newport.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ambrose Peck* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for repairing a Number of Small-Arms for the Use of the State, by Order of Col. *Joseph Betcher*: And the said Account being duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, who reported the Sum of *Nineteen Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money to be due thereon; which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum be paid the said *Ambrose Peck*, out of the General-Treasury. *A. Peck* allowed £ 19 6 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Cole* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for victualling sixteen Soldiers, who were upon Guard at *Warren*, by Order of Mr. *Cromel Child*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Cole*, out of the General-Treasury. *E. Cole* allowed 16 s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That no more Wood be cut from off the Land belonging to Mrs. *Jane Wilson*, for the Use of this State, until further Orders from this Assembly. No more Wood to be cut off Mrs. Wilson's Land.

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Iron-Work done for the Row-Galley *Spittfire*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury. *C. Child* allowed £ 68 9 s.

WHEREAS

N. Mumford WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* presented unto this Assembly an
 allowed £ 12 Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as one of the
 12 s. standing Committee of Audit, in attending at the present and two last
 Sessions of Assembly, and for two Days spent in examining the Abstracts
 for Col. *Waterman's* Regiment : And the said Account being duly ex-
 amined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allow-
 ed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Twelve Shillings*
 Lawful Money, be paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-
 Treasury.

Officers of the IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command
 Artillery the Artillery Company of the Towns of *Westerly, Charlestown, and Hop-*
 Company in *kinton*, which is as follows, *to wit* :
Westerly, &c.

Augustus Stanton, Captain.
Thomas Noyes, First Lieutenant.
William Gardner, Second Lieutenant.
Caleb Crandall, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*,
 That the said Officers be and hereby are approved.

And granting a Bounty on Steel. WHEREAS Steel is an Article most essentially necessary to the Inhabi-
 tants of any Country, and the encouraging Persons to manufacture it
 within this State, for the full Supply of the Inhabitants, will be very ad-
 vantageous to the Public : *It is therefore Enacted by this General Assembly,*
and by the Authority thereof, That any Person or Persons who shall, at any
 Time before the Tenth Day of June, A. D. 1780, by themselves or
 others, manufacture within this State Steel of the best Quality, or
 equal in Goodness with good *German* Steel usually imported into this
 State from foreign Parts, shall have and receive as a Bounty out of the
 General-Treasury of this State, for every Ton (gross Weight) by him
 or them manufactured as aforesaid, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* Lawful
 Money.

AND *it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That there shall
 be one Inspector of Steel appointed within this State, who shall be en-
 gaged as other public Officers are, and who shall carefully examine and
 inspect, at the Request of the Manufacturer, all the Steel manufactured
 within this State, and upon all such as he shall judge equal in Quality to
 good *German* Steel as aforesaid, he shall fix a proper Stamp (by him for
 that Purpose provided) at such Distances upon each Bar as he shall judge
 necessary to prevent any Impositions in the Sale thereof, and the Manu-
 facturer thereof, making Oath or Affirmation before such Inspector,
 who is hereby empowered to administer the same, that the Steel by him
 exhibited for Inspection is *bona fide* of his own Manufacture, and made
 within this State, and that he has not by himself or others, for or on his
 Account and Behalf, sold or taken any more or greater Price than that
 stated, or that may be stated by the General Assembly, for Steel of the
 same Quality with that then exhibited for, and which shall pass Inspec-
 tion ; thereupon such Inspector shall certify the same and the Quantity
 inspected, and by him stamped as aforesaid, to the General Treasurer of
 this State, who, upon Receipt of such Certificates, shall, if they amount
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to Twenty Hundred gross Weight, or one Ton as aforesaid, pay to the Persons producing the same the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money, and in the same Proportion for any Quantity more than Twenty Hundred gross Weight, out of the Treasury of this State, taking Receipts for all Sums by him so paid.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Manufacturer of Steel shall pay to the Inspector, for his Trouble, One Penny per Pound, for any Number of Pounds not exceeding Five Hundred, and One Halfpenny per Pound for all above Five Hundred Pounds, for all Steel which shall at any one Time be stamped by him, and certified as aforesaid, for his Trouble in viewing, stamping and certifying the same, and Fourpence per Mile, for every Mile he may travel out from Home, for that Purpose.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Inspector of Steel for this State, as aforesaid, for preventing Imposition by false Stamps, shall cause a Description of the Stamp by him used for stamping Steel of the best Quality, as aforesaid, to be published in the Providence Gazette, four Weeks successively, immediately after he shall proceed to stamp any Steel therewith.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person who shall be convicted of counterfeiting the said Stamp, or any other made use of by the Inspector of Steel, and advertised as aforesaid, or of using any such Stamp, knowing it to be counterfeit, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Lawful Money for every such Offence, One Half thereof to be paid to and for the Use of the Prosecutor, and the other Half to the General Treasurer of this State, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State; and shall also pay all Costs of Prosecution and Conviction.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Stamp directed to be procured by the Inspector as aforesaid be purchased at the Expence of this State, to be delivered to his Successor in said Office.

WHEREAS Major *Richard Bailey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Richmond*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Richard Bailey*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Harbours within this State are blockaded by the Enemy's Fleet, and it is at present impracticable to procure further Supplies of Rum, Sugar, Melasses, Cotton Wool and Coffee, of some of which Articles there is already an insufficient Quantity for the Use of the Inhabitants, and of the others, there is not more than sufficient for the Consumption of the Inhabitants, and Army necessarily stationed therein, even for a short Time: And whereas this State hath engaged to supply the Troops raised therein with Cloathing, and that Article is also greatly wanted for the necessary Use of the Inhabitants, and there is at present

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R. Bailey allowed £ 2 14².
Act laying an Embargo on sundry Articles.

but very little Prospect of supplying those Demands in any other Way than by manufacturing the Wool raised within the same, which will not prove adequate to those Purposes, and it is of the most urgent Necessity that the Wool raised in the State should be reserved therein :

B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That no Rum, Sugar, Melasses, Cotton-Wool, Coffee, tanned Leather, Sheeps Wool, and Sheep, until they are shorn, shall be carried out of this State, either by Sea or Land, under any Pretence whatsoever: That if any Person shall be convicted of having carried, or attempting to carry out of this State, any of the aforementioned Articles, he shall forfeit the Articles so carried or attempted to be carried out of this State; One Half thereof to and for the Use of the Prosecutor, and the other Half to and for the Use of the State, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State: That all of the aforementioned Articles which shall be found carrying from one Town to another in this State, or on board any Vessel about departing from the same, unless in small Quantities, shall be deemed to be attempted to be carried out of this State, within the Meaning of this Act, unless the Person so carrying the same shall produce a Certificate or Permission, from the Town-Council of the Town from whence such Articles shall be removed, specifying that the same are permitted to be carried to some other Town within this State, for the Use of the Inhabitants thereof.

P R O V I D E D nevertheless, That this Act shall not extend to any Articles that have been or shall be purchased for the Use of the Continental Army, for the Transportation of which a Permit shall be granted by the Commander of the Continental Troops in this State, or the Council of War, in the Recess of the General Assembly.

A N D be it further Enacted, That this Act shall be in Force immediately from and after the Rising of this Assembly.

C. Child to repair the Row-Galley Washington.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Cromel Child be and he is hereby appointed to repair the Row-Galley Washington, as soon as may be.

Committees who distributed the Salt to the several Towns, to pay the Money into the Treasury.

P. Simmons, jun. allowed £2 14s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committees appointed in the several Counties within this State, to dispose of the Salt proportioned to the Towns belonging to this State, be and they are hereby required forthwith to pay into the General-Treasury the Money arising from the Sale thereof, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly.

WHEREAS Mr. Peleg Simmons, jun. presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Eight Days Service, and Horse-hire, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of Tiverton: And the said Account having been duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Fourteen Skillings Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid the said Peleg Simmons, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

Inferior Court for the County of Newport to be held in Tiverton, &c.

WHEREAS from the Enemy's possessing themselves of the Island of Rhode-Island, the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which by Law ought to be holden, for the County of Newport,

Newport, at *Newport*, on the last *Monday* of *May*, cannot now be there held : And as it is necessary that a Court should be holden for the Advantage of the Inhabitants of said County who are not in the Enemy's Power ; wherefore be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That an Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace be holden, by the Justices appointed or to be appointed for said County of *Newport*, at the Friends Meeting-House in *Tiverton*, on the Fourth *Monday* of *June* next : And that all Executions made returnable to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport*, be then and there returned ; and that Writs and Processess be brought forward to said Court, in the same Manner as Actions were heretofore commenced to Inferior Courts of Common Pleas ; and that all and every Matter, Thing and Business, which might, could or ought to be heard and determined by said Court, be then and there heard, tried and determined ; and that Grand and Petit Jurors from any Part of the County of *Newport*, who are in *Tiverton* or *Little-Compton*, or who attend the Court, may be impannelled and sit as Jurors, who are by Law qualified, whose Estates lie upon *Rhode-Island*.

A N D be it further Enacted, That the Sheriff for the County of *Newport* take up some House, or Apartment of a House, in *Tiverton*, to be used for the Time being for a Gaol, to secure all Persons who shall neglect or refuse to pay Executions against them, and for confining Persons upon *mesne Process*, who refuse or neglect or procure sufficient Bail : That said Court mark out and prescribe the Liberties of the Prison ; and that this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, passed at *April* Session, A. D. 1777, Five Hundred Men were proportioned to the several Towns within this State, to be raised for filling the Continental Battalions ; and Difficulties having arisen in ascertaining to which Towns certain Persons enlisted into said Battalions shall be reckoned :

Transient Persons in the Continental Battalions to be reckoned to the Towns which enlisted them.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all transient Persons enlisted by any of said Towns, since the passing of said Act, shall be reckoned to the Towns for which they have been enlisted.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That every Person, being an Inhabitant of this State, who hath enlisted into said Battalions, be assigned to the Town which is liable to maintain him, in case he becomes chargeable.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That every Person, who hath been enlisted by any of said Towns since the passing of said Act, and who is an Inhabitant of any other State, be assigned to the Town in which he resided at the Time of his enlistment.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That every Apprentice who enlisted into either of said Battalions, be reckoned to the Town in which he is bound to serve his Apprenticeship.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Persons who have or shall be reckoned to either of said Towns as Inhabitants thereof, shall be considered as Inhabitants of the Town to which they shall be so reckoned, and

and shall with their Families be supported by said Town, in case they become chargeable, unless they shall hereafter gain another Settlement; any Law to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Col. Sherburne to draw Money out of the Treasury to pay the Bounties of three Companies.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Bounty of Sixteen Pounds Lawful Money be allowed to each of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of three Companies, consisting of Eighty-six Men each, in the Battalion under the Command of Col. Henry Sherburne, being one of the Sixteen Battalions raising by Order of Congress; and that Col. Henry Sherburne be empowered to draw the Money for the Purpose aforesaid, out of the General-Treasury; and that he account therefor with this Assembly.

Flag to proceed to Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Flag of Truce be permitted to proceed to Newport, under the Direction of Col. Dyre, to carry Cloathing, and Twenty Dollars in Cash, for the Use of the Persons lately taken by the Enemy from North-Kingsdown, and now confined in the Gaol in Newport.

W. Pendleton allowed Pay for his Boat, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-five Dollars be allowed to Mr. William Pendleton, out of the General-Treasury, for a Boat and Oars brought off by him and others from Newport, and that said Boat be carried to Charlestown, without any Expence to this State, and be under the Direction of the commanding Officer of the Troops stationed within said Town.

Officers chosen.

Born Houses in a Grand Committee chose the following Officers, *to wit*:

Joseph Noyes, Esq; Colonel, Jesse Maxson, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and Thomas Sheffield, Esq; Major, of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of King's County.

Simon Whipple, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence, in the Room of George Peck, Esq; who declines.

Archibald Kaffon, Esq; Colonel, Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and Yelverton Weight, Esq; Major, of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Pardon Gray, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport, in the Room of David Hilyard, Esq; who declines.

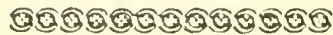
Simon Whipple, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence, in the Room of Elisha Mowry, Esq; who declines.

Thomas Aldrich, Esq; Major of the same Regiment, in the Room of Simon Whipple, Esq; promoted.

Thomas Smith, First-Lieutenant in the Continental Battalion commanded by Col. Angell, in the Room of Nathan Olney, who resigns.

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<i>Christopher Ellery, Esq;</i>	Second,	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Ses- sions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> .
<i>John Coddington, Esq;</i>	Third,	
<i>Walter Cooke, Esq;</i>	Fourth,	
<i>Philip Taylor, Esq;</i>	Fifth,	



An A C T to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, by excessive and unreasonable Prices for many of the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life, and for preventing Engroffers, and for the better Supply of our Troops in the Army with such Necessaries as may be wanted.

W H E R E A S from the unbounded Avarice of many Persons, Act for pre-
venting Mo-
nopoly &c. the Prices of the necessary and convenient Articles of Life, already most exorbitant, are daily and greatly enhanced, and the Price of Labour, in general, is most extravagantly great and increasing, which, at this Time of Distress, unless a speedy and effectual Stop be put thereto, will be attended with the most pernicious and fatal Consequences, as it not only disheartens and disaffects the Soldiers, who have nobly entered into Service for the best of Causes, by obliging them to give such unreasonable Prices for those Things that are absolutely necessary for their Existence, that their Pay is not sufficient to support them, but is also very detrimental to the Country in general :

It is therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That the Prices of Labour, and of the necessary and convenient Articles of Life, herein after enumerated, be affixed and settled within this State, so that the same shall not exceed the Prices herein stated, as follow, to wit :

LABOUR. Farming Labour, during the three Winter Months, 1 s. 9 d. per Day ; during the three Spring and Fall Months, 2 s. 6 d. per Day ; during the three Summer Months, 3 s. per Day, excepting for mowing, which shall not exceed 4 s. per Day ; for reaping, shocking and binding one Acre of Grain, 5 s. The Price of farming Labour, by the Month, shall not exceed a due Proportion, compared with the Price of Labour by the Day. Common Labour, in the Town of *Providence*, 4 s. 6 d. per Day, the Labourer finding himself.

SHIP-Carpenters and Masons, in the Spring, Summer and Fall Months, 7 s. per Day, they finding themselves ; and in the Winter Months, 6 s. per Day ; if found, 2 s. per Day to be deducted. Houle-Carpenters, finding themselves, 6 s. per Day, otherwise 4 s. per Day. Caulkers, finding themselves, 7 s. per Day. Taylors, for making a plain Suit of best Broadcloth Cloaths, 24 s. and for daily Wages, the Employer finding them, 3 s. per Day. Trucking, 1 s. 6 d. per Hogshead, and other Things in Proportion. Coopers, finding themselves, 5 s. per Day, and for setting and finding Hogshead Hoops, 3 d. each, and Barrel Hoops, 2 d. each. Barbers, for shaving, 3 d.

THE Price of the Labour of Mechanics and Tradesmen, and of other Labour not stated by this Act, to be computed according to the Usages and Customs that have heretofore been adopted and practised in the different Parts of this State, compared with the Price of farming Labour by the Day.

Good merchantable Wheat, 7 s. 6 d. per Bushel.

Good merchantable Rye, 5 s. 6 d. per Bushel, in all Places where the Army is or may be stationed, and in the Sea-port Towns (by which are meant, in all Places in this Act, the Towns of *Providence*, *Bristol* and *Warren*, and the compact Part of the Town of *East-Greenwich*) and in Country Towns 5 s. per Bushel. Good Rye and *Indian Bread* 14 s. for every 112 lb. and in that Proportion for every other Quantity.

Good merchantable *Indian Corn*, in all Places where the Army is or may be stationed, and in the Sea-port Towns, 4 s. 6 d. per Bushel, and in the Country Towns 4 s. per Bushel.

Good merchantable Barley, 3 s. 6 d. per Bushel.

MEAL, at the Places where it hath been usually sold, at a Price in Proportion, according to the usual Custom.

FLEECE Wool, 2 s. 2 d. per lb.

PORK. Swine weighing from 5 to 7 Score, 3 d. Halfpenny per lb. from 7 to 10 Score, 4 d. per lb. all above 10 Score, 4 d. Halfpenny per lb. Fresh Pork brought to Market, by the Quarter or Joint, 4 d. Three Farthings per lb.

GRASS-fed Beef of the best Quality, 3 d. per lb. and in that Proportion for Stall-fed Beef, and likewise Beef of an inferior Quality.

RAW Hides, 3 d. per lb.

Good merchantable *West-India Rum*, 8 s. per Gallon, by the Hogshead, including the Cask; 8 s. 2 d. per Gallon, by the Barrel, exclusive of the Cask; 9 s. by the single Gallon, 2 s. 3 d. by the single Quart, and so in Proportion for a less Quantity, according to the former Usages and Customs for retailing smaller Quantities. *Jamaica Spirits*, full Proof, 10 s. per Gallon by the Hogshead, including the Cask, and in smaller Quantities in Proportion, according to the Allowance upon *West-India Rum*. And in case any Person shall sell any of the said Spirits under Proof, he shall forfeit the Value of the same, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State: And upon *West-India Rum* and *Jamaica Spirits* there shall be an Allowance to the Seller of 1 d. per Gallon for every Ten Miles the same shall be carried by Land-Carriage from the first Port of Delivery. *New-England Rum*, at 4 s. 2 d. per Gallon by the Hogshead or Barrel, exclusive of 13 s. 4 d. for the Hogshead, and 4 s. 4 d. for the Barrel, and 4 s. 10 d. per the single Gallon, at the Town where the same is distilled, and so in like Proportion for smaller Quantities, according to the old and approved Customs for retailing smaller Quantities,

Quantities, allowing 1 *d.* per Gallon, for every Ten Miles that the same shall be carried by Land-Carriage from the Place of Distillery. All Spirits distilled in *New-England*, other than Rum, to be at the same Price, and under the same Regulations in all Respects, as are provided for *New-England* Rum.

BEST Muscovado Sugar, 66 *s.* per Hundred Wt. by the Hoghead, 72 *s.* per single Hundred Wt. and 10 *d.* per lb. by the single Pound, at the Place where it is first landed, and allowing 9 *d.* for the transporting of every Hundred Wt. Ten Miles by Land-Carriage. Sugars of an inferior Quality in the usual Proportion. Single-refined Loaf Sugar 1 *s.* 6 *d.* per lb. by the Hundred Wt. and by the single Loaf 1 *s.* 8 *d.* per lb.

MELASSES, of the best Quality, 3 *s.* 8 *d.* per Gallon by the Hoghead, including the Cask; 4 *s.* by the Barrel, exclusive of 3 *s.* for the Barrel, and 4 *s.* 4 *d.* by the single Gallon, at the Place where it is first landed from the *West-Indies*, and so in Proportion in the Country, allowing 1 *d.* a Gallon for every Ten Miles Transportation by Land into the Country, or from the Place where it is so landed.

BEST *American* made Cheese, 7 *d.* per lb. by the single Cheese, 8 *d.* per lb. by the single lb. and 6 *d.* per lb. for any other Quantity.

BUTTER, of the best Quality, 1 *s.* per lb. by the Firkin, Tub or other Cask, or in any greater Quantity than 20 lb. Weight, and 1 *s.* 2 *d.* per lb. by the single lb.

PEAS, 8 *s.* per Bushel.

BEANS, of the best Quality, 6 *s.* per Bushel.

POTATOES, commonly called *Spanish* Potatoes, of the best Sort, in the Fall of the Year, 1 *s.* 4 *d.* per Bushel, and at other Seasons, 2 *s.* per Bushel. Good rough-skinned Potatoes, 2 *s.* 6 *d.* per Bushel.

MENS good Yarn Stockings, 6 *s.* per Pair, and so in Proportion for those of an inferior Quality.

MENS good merchantable Neat-Leather Shoes, 9 *s.* per Pair.

SALTED Pork by the Barrel, reckoning 220 lb. Wt. to the Barrel,
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COTTON, 3 *s.* 6 *d.* per lb. by Wholesale, and 4 *s.* per lb. by Retail.

GOOD Oats, 2 *s.* 4 *d.* by the Bushel in the Sea-port Towns, and 2 *s.* in the Country Towns, 4 *d.* per Pottle.

WELL dressed merchantable Flax, 1 *s.* 4 *d.* per lb. at Market.

GOOD Coffee, 1 *s.* 4 *d.* per lb. by Wholesale, and 1 *s.* 8 *d.* per lb. by Retail.

GOOD

Good tried Tallow, 7 *d.* Halfpenny per lb.

Good Yard-wide Tow-Cloth, 2 *s.* 9 *d.* per Yard, and other Tow-Cloths of different Widths and Goodness in an usual Proportion.

COARSE Linens to be valued after the Rate and in Proportion to Tow-Cloth, making the reasonable Allowances for the same.

BEST Yard-wide striped Flannel, 3 *s.* 9 *d.* per Yard, and other Flannels in Proportion, according to their Width and Quality; and other Woollen Goods in like Proportion. Good Homespun Yard-wide Cotton and Linen Cloth, 5 *s.* per Yard, and of other Widths and Qualities in a just Proportion.

TURKIES and Dunghill Fowls, 4 *d.* Halfpenny per lb. Geese, 3 *d.* per lb. best Mutton, 4 *d.* per lb. best Veal, 4 *d.* per lb. and other Veal and Mutton in Proportion to its Quality.

DINNERS at Taverns (for Travellers, not Soldiers) of boiled and roasted Meat, with other Articles equivalent, exclusive of Wine, 1 *s.* 6 *d.* Suppers and Breakfasts, 1 *s.* Lodging, 4 *d.*

WOOD. Walnut Wood in the Town of *Providence*, 4 *s.* 6 *d.* per Foot, and in the same Town Oak Wood, Ash, Birch, and all other Kinds of Wood usually sold for divers Years last past, under the Name and at the Price of Oak Wood, 3 *s.* 9 *d.* per Foot. In the compact Part of the Town of *East Greenwich*, Walnut Wood, 3 *s.* 6 *d.* per Foot, and Oak, Ash, Birch, &c. as aforesaid, 3 *s.* per Foot. In all Places to the Eastward of the Post-Road from *Providence*, until it comes to the Snuff-Mill, late the Property of *Thomas Moffatt*, where Troops are stationed, and upon the Post Road, and in all Parts of *Boston-Neck* to the Southward of said Mill, the same Price as in the compact Part of *East-Greenwich*. In all other Parts of the State. Walnut Wood, 3 *s.* per Foot, and Oak, Ash, Birch, &c. as aforesaid, 2 *s.* 6 *d.* per Foot.

CHARCOAL, 4 *d.* per Bushel.

HARD Soap, 4 *d.* Halfpenny per lb.

ENGLISH Hay, in the Town of *Providence*, and the compact Part of the Town of *East-Greenwich*, for the Use of the Inhabitants or Army, from £ 4 10 *s.* to £ 6 per Ton, according to its Quality. In all other Parts of the State, for the Uses aforesaid, from £ 3 to £ 4 6 *s.* 8 *d.* per Ton, according to its Quality, with Allowance for carting.

TEAMING Work, the Teamster finding himself and Cattle, for one Hand with a Cart or Waggon, one Yoke of Oxen, and a good draught Horse, or two Yoke of Oxen, 13 *s.* per Day. Teaming to and from Sea-port Markets, and for the Army, per Ton per Mile, if not more than one Mile, 4 *s.* and for every Mile after the first Mile out, 1 *s.* 6 *d.*

For keeping a Horse a Night or 24 Hours at Grass, 1 *s.* at good *English* Hay, in the Sea-port Towns, 2 *s.* 6 *d.* per Night, and in all other Parts of the State at 2 *s.* per Night.

FOR

For keeping two Oxen a Night or 24 Hours at good *English* Hay, 3 s. and at Grass 1 s. 6 d.

THE best refined Bar-Iron, £ 3 10 s. per Cwt. and Bloomery Iron, at £ 2 10 s. per Cwt.

STEEL of the best Quality manufactured in this State, or imported from other States, or from foreign Parts, for the Use of the Inhabitants, 3 s. 6 d. per single lb.

FOR shoeing a Horse all round with Steel Corks, Heel and Toe, in *Providence*, 8 s. and in all other Parts of the State, 6 s. For shoeing Oxen, 16 s. per Pair in *Providence*, and in all other Parts of the State, 12 s. per Pair. Other Blacksmith's Work, excepting the Articles herein mentioned, in the same Proportion.

BEST Scythes, 12 s. Best narrow Axes, 10 s. Best broad Axes, 20 s. Best Hoes, 6 s.

GOOD Plough-Irons well steeled, 15 d. per lb. and all other Work done to Plough-Irons in a just Proportion thereto.

Ox-Chains, 15 d. per lb.

FOR making, fixing, and putting on the Tire of Ox Cart-Wheels, including making the Nails, 18 s. and other Tire in Proportion.

WEIGHT-Work for Shipping, taking the Whole together, at 4 d. per lb. but for making Deck Nails only 5 d. per lb. and all light Work in the same Proportion, excepting cast Iron.

NAILS, six Score to the Hundred, 20 d. 2 s. 8 d. per Hundred, and 20 s. per Thousand.

10 d. 2 s. per Hundred, and 14 s. 6 d. per Thousand.

6 d. 1 s. 2 d. per Hundred, and 10 s. 6 d. per Thousand.

4 d. 10 d. per Hundred, and 6 s. 8 d. per Thousand.

3 d. 9 d. per Hundred, and 5 s. 3 d. per Thousand.

2 d. 8 d. per Hundred, and 4 s. 6 d. per Thousand.

HORSE-Hire, 4 d. per Mile.

GREEN Calf-Skins, 6 d. per lb. and tanned and curried Skins in the same Proportion.

TANNED Hides, 1 s. 5 d. per lb.

CLEAR Eastern Pine Boards, £ 6 per Thousand; merchantable Ditto, £ 4 per Thousand; common Country Ditto, and yellow Pine Ditto, £ 3 12 s. per Thousand; full Inch Oak Boards, Joist and Timber, £ 3 per Thousand.

GOOD Hoghead Hoops, £ 4 per Thousand.

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WHITE Oak Hoghead Staves, £ 6 per Thousand ; red Oak Ditto, £ 3 per Thousand ; white Oak Barrel Staves, £ 4 per Thousand ; red Oak Ditto, £ 2 per Thousand ; and the Price of Heading in Proportion to the Price of Staves.

Good merchantable well cured Tobacco, at 25 s. per Cwt. and 4 d. by the single lb.

MENS Leather Breeches, of the best Sort of Deer's Leather, £ 2 2 s. per Pair, and Boy's and other Leather Breeches at a like Proportion, according to their Quality.

BEST Cocoa, £ 7 per Cwt.

CHOCOLATE, 2 s. per lb. by Wholesale, and 2 s. 2 d. by Retail.

BEST Beaver Hats, £ 3 a Piece, and best Felt Hats, 8 s. a Piece.

STONE Lime, £ 1 4 s. per Hoghead of One Hundred Gallons, delivered at Providence.

MILK at Providence, 4 d. per Quart the Year round, and in all other Parts of the State, 2 d. Halfpenny, from the first of May to the first of November, and from that Time to the first of May, 3 d. Halfpenny.

FRESH Fish, at the Places where taken, 1 d. Farthing per lb. in the Town of Providence, 2 d. Halfpenny per lb. and in all other Places within the State, 2 d. per lb.

OYSTERS, 2 s. per Bushel at Market.

WOOLLEN Goods, coarse Linens, Duck, Ticklenburg, and Ozenbrigs, by Wholesale, at a Rate in the Proportion of £ 275 Sterling, for what cost £ 100 Sterling in Europe. Other Goods, Wares or Merchandize, imported from thence, or brought into this State in any Prize Vessel, by Wholesale, at a Rate in the Proportion of £ 250 Sterling for what cost £ 100 Sterling. The Prices of warlike and military Stores by Wholesale are not limited ; but the Retailers of such Goods shall not sell them at a higher Advance than 20 per Cent. upon the wholesale Price.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Council of each Town in this State, or a Committee appointed by each Town for that Purpose, be and hereby are empowered to settle and affix in the respective Towns, during the Continuance of this Act, the Price of Clothier's Work, of Spinning, of Weaving, of Bark, of tanning Hides, and of making Shoes for the Use of the Inhabitants, in their Houses : And that such Town-Council or Committee cause the Prices by them affixed and settled to be posted up in some public Place or Places in their respective Towns, six Days at least before such Prices are to take Effect.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Prices by this Act affixed, or which may by such Town-Council or Committee be affixed, to any Article by Virtue of this Act, shall be considered as the highest

highest Rates of Labour, and at which such Articles are to be sold, bought or paid for ; and that in all Cases where the Prices are not mentioned as affixed for a particular Place, it shall be understood that the same are the Prices in the several Sea-port and public Market-Places ; and in all other Places in this State, Articles are to be estimated and rated according to the accustomed Usages, in Proportion to the Prices in Sea-ports and Market-Places.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, at any Vendue or public Sale, give or bid at a greater or higher Price for any Article than by this Act is limited, he shall forfeit and pay the Value of such Article ; one Half to and for the Use of the State, and the other Half to the Informer, who shall sue for the same.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall refuse to sell any of said Goods, Merchandize, &c. at the Prices by this Act limited, to be paid in the current Paper Bills emitted by the Continental Congress, or this State, and shall afterwards part with such Goods, Merchandize, &c. in Exchange for other Goods, Merchandize, &c. he shall forfeit and pay the Value of such Goods, Merchandize, &c. one Half thereof to and for the Use of the State, and the other Half to the Informer or Prosecutor.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Honor the Governor, any and either of the Assistants, Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts, or any two Justices of the Peace within this State, be and they are hereby empowered and directed, upon Complaint being made, under Oath, that any Article or Articles of necessary Support for the Army and Navy may be wanted, and are withheld by Monopolizers, Engrossers or others, to issue his or their Warrant to any Sheriff, Deputy-Sheriff, Constable, or Town-Sergeant, to impress and seize the same out of their Hands ; and for that Purpose to break and enter any Warehouses, Stores or other Places where such Goods are deposited, and to have the same appraised, by two indifferent judicious Men under Oath appointed for that Purpose, not exceeding the Prices affixed in this Act, or by Virtue thereof ; which Price so affixed shall be paid to the Owner or Owners thereof : And that suitable Persons, in Addition to the Commissaries already appointed, be appointed by the Council of War of this State, to furnish and supply the Army raised by this State with Necessaries, upon the most reasonable Terms, agreeable to the Encouragement given by this Assembly. And the Commissaries of this State, and all other Persons, are hereby requested, and strictly enjoined and directed, to make Information against all such Persons as they shall find buying up or engrossing the Articles aforesaid, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whoever shall contract or receive for Labour, or vend, sell, or receive for any of the above enumerated Articles, more than at the Rates or Prices thereunto affixed in this Act, or by Virtue thereof, or for others not enumerated in an unreasonable Disproportion thereto, shall be accounted oppressive, an Enemy to his Country, guilty of a Breach of this Act, and shall be liable to be prosecuted before any of the Courts of Record in this State, by Bill, Plaint or Information ; and upon Conviction shall be fined for every
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Article sold of the Price of 20 s. or under, the Sum of 20 s. and for every Article of a Price above 20 s. a Sum equal to the Price of such Articles, together with all Costs of Prosecution, and shall stand committed until Sentence be performed : One Half of said Fine to be paid into the General-Treasury, and the other Half to the Informer or Prosecutor.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns in this State, where European or East-India Goods are sold either by Wholesale or Retail, be and they are hereby empowered and directed to appoint a Committee, consisting of three judicious Persons who have been used to the European Trade, either two of whom to be a Quorum, whose Business it shall be, on Application, to judge and determine whether such Goods are sold at a higher Price than by this Act is allowed : And if said Committee shall adjudge that said Articles were sold contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, they shall give a Certificate thereof to the Person who shall apply for the same, he paying 3 s. therefor : Whereupon the Person having such Certificate shall prosecute the Seller of said Articles. And in case of Conviction, the Cost of the Certificate shall be taxed in the Bill of Cost against the Offender.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Seller of such Goods by Wholesale shall make out a Bill of Parcels, at the Sterling Cost, of the Articles sold, with his Advance thereupon, and deliver the same to the Buyer, under the Penalty of the Sum at which said Articles are sold. And the Retailer shall also, if requested by the Buyer, give a Bill of Parcels, with the Sterling Cost, and the Advance. *Provided nevertheless,* That if the said Goods be not imported directly from Europe, but from the West-Indies, or any Port out of Europe, in such Case the Seller by Wholesale shall not be compelled to give a Bill of Parcels with the Sterling Cost, but shall give one with the Cost at the Port where they were purchased ; and the said Committee, in case of Dispute, shall determine the Sterling Cost.*

IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case an Inhabitant or Inhabitants of any Town in this State, more especially the Families of Soldiers in the Service of their Country, shall be distressed for the Want of any necessary Articles of Life which are in such Town, and shall be withheld from Sale by the Persons to whom the same belong, to monopolize and engross the same, and Complaint thereof, under Oath, shall be made to either of the Members of the Town-Council of such Town, or either of the Overseers of the Poor of such Town, he shall certify the same, and the Quantity necessary to relieve such distressed Person or Persons, to any Justice of the Peace within said Town, who on Receipt thereof shall issue his Warrant to the Town-Sergeant, or either of the Constables of such Town, authorizing him, if necessary, to break and enter into any Store or other Place, and seize out of the Hands of such Monopolizer or Engrosser so much as shall be certified to be necessary as aforesaid, and deliver the same to such distressed Person or Persons, at the Prices affixed by this Act, or by Virtue thereof : And the Monies for which such Articles shall be sold (after deducting all lawful Costs and Charges accruing on the Process aforesaid) shall be returned to the Owner of the Article or Articles so seized and impressed. And in case there shall not be a sufficient Quantity of any of the Articles in this Act enumerated

in any Town in this State, for the necessary Use and Consumption of its Inhabitants, the Town-Council of such Town, upon Application being made to them by any of the Inhabitants thereof, shall certify the same to either of the Members of the Town-Council, or to either of the Overseers of the Poor of any Town within this State, in which they shall be informed said Articles may be procured, and also the Quantity wanted for the Use and Consumption of the Person applying as aforesaid; and the Member of the Town-Council, or Overseer of the Poor, to whom the same shall be so certified, shall proceed in Manner as afore-directed to supply the Wants of the Person producing such Certificate.

IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be guilty of violating this Act, he shall be rendered incapable of sustaining any Office in this State. And if any Person shall directly or indirectly, by Advice, Argument, Persuasion, or by any other Ways or Means whatever, prevent or endeavour to prevent any Person from complying with the Regulations of this Act, he shall, upon Conviction thereof, forfeit and pay as a Fine for every such Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any Court of Record in this State, and pay all Costs of Prosecution and Conviction; one Half of which Fine shall be paid to the Prosecutor, and the other Half to the General-Treasurer, to and for the Use of this State

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Store, Warehouse or other Building, shall be opened by Warrant from an Officer authorised to grant the same, or Dwelling-House, or other Building and Apartment, which they are hereby in like Manner empowered to enter, the Town-Sergeant or Constable may not only sell and dispose to the necessitous Person applying therefor, but to all others, who shall appear to purchase by Retail, in small Quantities; and also to Innholders, Rum by the Barrel, and Sugar by the Barrel, and to Bakers, Flour by the Barrel, upon the Day of executing the said Warrant. And no Distiller, that retails, shall be subjected or compelled to sell Rum by the Barrel, unless he has more than One Hundred Gallons on Hand; nor shall any other Retailer of Rum or Melasses be subjected or compelled to sell by the Barrel, unless he has Two Hundred Gallons of each on Hand, nor Sugar by the Barrel, unless he has more than Fifteen Hundred Weight on Hand: And if none of the aforesaid enumerated Articles shall be found, upon opening any such Store, Warehouse, &c. as has been before described, the Possessor for refusing to open the same shall pay Charges.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Powers and Authorities, by the last preceding Paragraph granted to Town-Sergeants and Constables, can only be justified in Cases wherein the very Existence of the Community is depending, and must whenever adopted be in its Nature short and temporary; and cannot with any Propriety, consistent with the Preservation of the common Rights of Men, be adopted, but only in Cases wherein the Avarice and Wickedness of a few endanger the Ruin and Destruction of the State; and therefore that this Instance shall not at any Time hereafter be drawn into Precedent, excepting in Cases of like Necessity. Provided always, That if the Possessor of any Store, Warehouse, &c. who may be requested to open the same, or either of them, by the Town-Sergeant or Constable, as in the Case before mentioned,

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shall upon opening the Store, Warehouse, &c. declare upon Oath, before any Justice of the Peace in the Town where such Goods are stored, that the Whole or any Part of the said enumerated Goods or Articles therein contained, are the Property of the United States, or any of them, then the said Officers shall stay all further Procedure thereon, and make Report thereof to the Town-Council of such Town, who shall call before them the Person so making Oath, within a convenient Time, to make Proof that the said Goods are the Property of the United States, or any of them; and upon Failure of making Proof as aforesaid, to the Satisfaction of the said Town-Council, such Goods shall be taken and disposed of as though no such Oath had been made; and if the Possessor of such Store, Warehouse, &c. shall upon opening the same declare as aforesaid, that the Whole, or any Part of the enumerated Articles therein contained, are the Property of any other Person, an Inhabitant of this State, and shall declare as aforesaid to whom they belong, then the Town-Sergeant or Constable shall stay all further Proceedings thereon, upon the Articles so declared to be the Property of another, till they shall, in Person or by Writing, apply to the Person or Persons thus declared to be the Owners of such Articles, or if he shall be absent, or out of the State, by leaving at his Home, or usual Place of Abode, a Certificate, representing that they are wanted for the present Consumption of the Inhabitants, and requesting the Sale thereof; and if the Person thus applied to, being Owner thereof, after receiving such Request or Certificate, being left as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse in a reasonable Time, in the Judgment of a major Part of the Town-Council of the Town where the Articles are, to give Licence for the Sale of such Articles, at the Prices stated in this Act or by Virtue thereof, then the Town-Council shall proceed as is before directed, where the Possessor refused to sell his own Goods, and being an Inhabitant of this State: And in case the Owner of said Articles is an Inhabitant of any other State, and not to be found within this State, the Town-Council aforesaid shall give Notice in the public News-Papers, three Weeks successively, enumerating the Articles, mentioning the Place where they are deposited, that they are wanted for the present Use and Consumption of the Inhabitants, and calling on the Owner thereof forthwith to sell them himself, or to authorise some other Person to sell them, at the Prices affixed by said Act. And in case no Person or Persons shall appear authorised to sell said Articles, in a reasonable Time after such Advertisement, in the Judgment of the major Part of the aforesaid Town-Council, then they shall apply to some Justice of the Peace, for the same County, for a Warrant to take the same, and proceed thereon as is herein before directed, and after paying such Charges as in this Act are mentioned, and the Cost of advertising, the Town-Council aforesaid shall pay the Overplus into the public Treasury of this State (taking two Receipts therefor, one whereof to be lodged in the Secretary's Office) there to remain till some Person shall make it appear that he is legally entitled to the same, or till further Order of this State; and if the Possessor of any Store, Warehouse, &c. who may be applied to as afore described, shall knowingly give false Intelligence concerning the Property of any Goods in his Custody, he shall forfeit a Sum equal to the Value of the Goods concerning which he shall give such Intelligence; one Half thereof to the Use of the Prosecutor, the other Half to the Use of the State, to be recovered in any Court proper to try the same.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, in selling any of the said enumerated Articles, shall ask or receive any Sum beyond that which is limited by this Act, on Pretence of any unusual Consideration, or in any Way or Manner which has not been, for several Years last past, commonly practised between Buyer and Seller, or shall use any different Method in disposing thereof from what has been commonly known and approved, so as to evade the plain Meaning and Intent of the said Act, such Person shall be deemed a Transgressor, and suffer such Penalties as are in this Act provided.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Vessel, that is private Property, shall arrive into any Harbour in this State, the Owner or Master shall lay before the Town-Council, where such Vessel shall arrive. or a special Committee appointed by a major Part for this Purpose, a compleat Manifest of all the Goods on board, and shall not break Bulk for any other Purpose, till the said Town-Council shall have returned a Schedule as aforesaid, provided the said Schedule shall be returned within Twenty-four Hours, or if any Article therein mentioned is otherwise disposed of than to the said Council, or to some Person in their Behalf, agreeable to this Act, in such Case the Owner or Master thereof shall forfeit a Sum equal to that for which such Article shall have been so sold, and the Remainder of the Cargo shall be sold to such Persons as have conformed themselves to the Prices in this Act regulated. And whenever it shall be made to appear to the Satisfaction of the Town-Council of such Town, that any Person has knowingly violated this Act, the Town-Council shall keep a fair Record of the Names of all such Persons, and give a true Copy thereof to the Owner or Master of every Cargo that shall arrive as aforesaid, directing him or them not to sell to any of those Persons any Article whatever, until such Violator shall have made Satisfaction for such his Misconduct, and given Assurance for his future Observance of this Act; to the Satisfaction of the Town-Council; and if any Owner or Master, or any Person in their Behalf, shall sell to any Person who is borne on such Copy, or such Person as shall be knowingly employed by them, any Article remaining of said Cargo, he or they shall forfeit a Sum equal to that for which every Article shall be so sold.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be elected, on or before the Tenth Day of June next, in each Town within this State, three, five, or seven Persons, who shall be under Oath to prosecute all Breaches of this Act, which shall come to their Knowledge, or of which they shall receive Information; and each Person so chosen shall execute said Office until the annual April Meeting in their respective Towns, when other Persons shall be chosen and sworn in their Stead, and such Persons shall afterwards be chosen annually, during the Continuance of this Act; and any Person chosen into said Office, and refusing to serve therein, or to take the said Oath, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered in like Manner, and to the same Use, the Penalties for not serving in other Town Offices are to be recovered and applied; and the said Committee shall be entitled to such Proportion of the Penalty recovered by any Prosecution, as by this Act is given to the Person who may prosecute for any Breaches thereof; and when an Person chosen to said Office shall refuse to serve therein, the
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Town to which he belongs shall chuse some other Person in his Place, and so as often as the Case may require.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person shall prosecute another for violating this Act, and other Evidence cannot be had, in such Case the Prosecutor's Oath shall be received as sufficient Evidence, unless the adverse Party shall offer and actually swear, that he is not chargeable with the Fact alledged against him, in which Case the Person prosecuted shall be admitted to the Oath, and the Prosecutor shall be denied. And in all Prosecutions by Indictment of the Grand Jury, on this Act, one Half of the Forfeiture shall be to the Town where the Offence is committed, the other Moiety to this State, and be paid into the Treasury of this State, and Town respectively, unless in such Cases where the Forfeitures are otherwise disposed of by this Act.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Action shall be brought against any Person, for proceeding agreeable to this Act, he may plead the general Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence for his Justification; and no Person that has been guilty of a Breach of the Act against Monopoly and Oppression, or of the Acts made heretofore in Addition thereto, against whom no Prosecution is already commenced, shall be prosecuted therefor, unless he or she shall, after the Publication of this Act, violate or transgress the same: And in all Prosecutions already commenced, in case the Persons prosecuted shall pay the Prosecutor double the Costs already arisen, the Prosecutor shall surcease or discontinue all further Proceedings in such Prosecution.

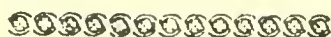
IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Decree shall, after the Tenth Day of June next, be made, or any Execution be issued from the Office of any Clerk of any Inferior Court of Common Pleas, or of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. or from any other Court within this State, for any Sum whatever, unless the Party or Parties recovering in his or their own Right, and dwelling within this State, shall first take the following Oath or Affirmation, *to wit*:

“ You *A. B.* do, in the Presence of God, solemnly declare or affirm,
 “ that you have not, since the Tenth Day of June, 1777, wittingly and
 “ willingly, directly or indirectly, either by yourself or any by, for, or
 “ under you, been concerned in selling any Article enumerated in the
 “ Act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, at a higher Price than is by
 “ said Act limited for such Articles, or by the Town-Council, in Pur-
 “ suance thereof. So help you God; or, upon the Peril of the Penalty
 “ of Perjury.”

WHICH Oath or Affirmation may be administered by any Justice of Peace, or by the Clerk of such Court; and Certificate thereof shall be made on such Execution by the Clerk of such Court: And if any Execution shall issue after the Day aforesaid, without such Certificate, the same shall be and hereby is declared to be void. And no Licence shall be granted to, nor any Recognizance taken from any Taverner, Innholder or Retailer, by any Town-Council within this State, after the Day aforesaid, until such Taverner, Innholder or Retailer, shall have taken said Oath in the Presence of the said Town-Council, or a Certificate of his
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having so done, from some Justice of the Peace, shall be presented to the said Town-Council.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be and continue in Force for the Term of three Years from the First Day of January last, and no longer; and that the Secretary transmit Copies of this Act to the Town-Clerk of every Town in this State, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.



It is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. Abraham Whipple, or any of the commissioned Officers of the Ship Providence, under the Direction of any Justice of the Peace in this State, be and they are empowered to impress within this State Sixty Men for the present Cruize, being Seamen, transient foreign Persons, and not Inhabitants of this or any of the United States, and not enlisted into the Service of this State, or the Continent: That the Men so impressed, upon their entering the Ship's Books, shall be entitled to and receive the same Bounties, Wages and Allowances, as those already entered on board the said Ship are entitled to; and that the several Justices of the Peace, when called upon by the said Abraham Whipple, or any of his commissioned Officers, be and they are hereby directed to give every Assistance to the above mentioned Service.

A. Whipple empowered to impress Seamen.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Commanding Officers of each of the three Battalions raising by this State for Fifteen Months, cause the Captains and other recruiting Officers to make out Abstracts of all the Men enlisted into said Battalions, mentioning the Time when they enlisted, the Bounties, Pay and Cloathing they have respectively received, and those who have enlisted from them into the Continental Service, the Time when they so enlisted, and the Bounties, Pay and Cloathing that they have likewise received: That the Abstracts be made out, for those that are remaining in the said Brigade, up to the Tenth Day of May; and that the Rolls be delivered to the Committee of Safety, who are directed to pay them up to said Time: And the Committee of Safety is hereby directed to make out Abstracts for all those that have enlisted into the Continental Battalions as aforesaid, with the Bounties, Pay and Cloathing they have respectively received, and lay the same before this Assembly, in order that Justice may be done as well to this State as to the Men who have so enlisted.

Officers in the Fifteen Months Battalions to make out their Abstracts.

WHEREAS Mr. Rowse J. Helme exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly, and Council of War, as Clerk: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Twelve Pounds Lawful Money, be paid unto the said Rowse J. Helme, out of the General-Treasury.*

R. J. Helme allowed £ 12;

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directing the Mode of executing Judgments against
Persons attainted of Felony.

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BE it Enacted and Declared by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Persons abiding within this State, and deriving Protection from the Laws of the same, owe Allegiance to this State, and are Members thereof; and that all Persons passing through, visiting or making a temporary Stay in this State, being entitled to and actually receiving the Protection of the Laws, during the Time of such Visitation or temporary Stay, owe during the same Time Allegiance to this State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons Members of, or owing Allegiance to this State, as before described, who shall, within or without the Limits of this State, levy War, or conspire to levy War, against this State, or any other of the United States of America, or shall, within or without the Limits of this State, be adherent to the Enemies of this State, or any other of the said United States, giving to them Aid and Comfort, within or without the Limits of this State, and thereof be provably attainted of open Deed by the People of their Condition, such Persons shall be taken, deemed and adjudged guilty of Treason against this State, and shall suffer the Pains of Death, without Benefit of Clergy.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons owing Allegiance to any other of the said United States, who shall, within this State, levy War, or conspire to levy War, against this or any other of the said United States, or be adherent to the Enemies of this or any other of the said United States, giving to them Aid and Comfort within this State, and thereof be provably attainted of open Deed, by the People of their Condition, such Persons shall be taken, deemed and adjudged guilty of Treason against this State, and shall suffer as is aforementioned.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Concealment, or keeping secret of any Treason, be deemed and taken only Misprison of Treason, and the Offender therein shall forfeit to the Use of this State all his Goods and Chattels, and the Profits of his Lands, during his Life and shall and may be imprisoned for a Term not less than two Years, nor exceeding five Years, at the Discretion of the Court before whom he shall be convicted.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person who shall know of any Treason to be committed (and is no Party or Consenter to it) and shall not, within a reasonable Time, give Information thereof upon Oath to one of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, or some Justice of the Peace within this State, to the End the Offender or Offenders therein may be apprehended, and may be amenable to Justice, shall
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be taken, deemed and adjudged guilty of Misprison of Treason, or Concealment of Treason.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Manner of Offences made and declared by this Act, or which shall hereafter be made and declared by any of the Laws and Statutes of this State to be Treason, Misprison of Treason, or Concealment of Treason, which shall hereafter be done, perpetrated or committed, by any Person or Persons, without the Limits of this State, shall be enquired of, heard and determined, before the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within such County as the supreme executive Authority of this State shall order and direct, by good and lawful Men of the same County, in like Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Treasons, Misprisons of Treasons, or Concealment of Treasons, had been done, perpetrated and committed within the same County.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons, being indicted for any the Treasons or Misprisons of Treasons aforesaid, may be outlawed, and thereby attainted of or for any of the said Offences of Treasons or Misprison of Treasons aforesaid; and that all Process of Outlawry hereafter to be made and had within this State, against any Offenders in Treason or Misprison of Treason, being resident or inhabitant out of the Limits of this State at the Time of the Outlawry pronounced against them, shall be as good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if any such Offenders has been resident and dwelling within this State, at the Time such Process was awarded, and Outlawry pronounced. *Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if the Party so hereafter to be outlawed shall, within one Year next after the said Outlawry pronounced, or Judgment given upon the said Outlawry, yield himself unto the Chief Justice of this State for the Time being, and offer to traverse the Indictment whereupon the said Outlawry shall be pronounced as is aforesaid, that then he shall be received to the said Traverse, and being thereupon found not guilty, by the Verdict of twelve good and lawful Men, he shall be clearly acquitted and discharged of the said Outlawry, and of all Penalties and Forfeitures by Reason of the same, in as large and ample Manner and Form as though no such Outlawry had been made; and where, after such Outlawry, the Party outlawed shall come in and be tried as aforesaid, he shall upon such Trial have the full Benefit of this Act.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Offender and Offenders, being hereafter lawfully convicted of any Manner of Treason, by Process or Outlawry, according to the due Course of Law, shall lose and forfeit to the Use of this State all Goods and Chattels which he shall be possessed of at the Time of such Conviction and all Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, which any such Offender or Offenders shall have of any Estate of Inheritance, in Use or Possession, by any Right, Title or Means, within this State or elsewhere, at the Time of any such Treason committed, or at any Time after, saving to every Person and Persons, their Heirs and Successors, ether than the Offenders in any Treasons, their Heirs and Successors, and such Person and Persons Claims to any their Uses, all such Rights, Titles, Interests, Possessions.

Possessions, Leases, Rents, Offices, and other Profits which they shall have at the Day of committing such Treason, or at any Time before, in as large and ample Manner as if this Act had never been made.

WHEREAS nothing is more just and reasonable, than that Persons prosecuted for Treason and Misprison of Treason, whereby their Liberties, Lives, Honor and Estates may be lost, and taken away, should be justly and equally tried, and that Persons accused as Offenders therein should not be debarred of all just and equal Means for Defence of their Innocency in such Cases; in order thereto, and for the better Regulation of Trials of Persons prosecuted for Treason and Misprison of Treason,

BE it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall be accused and indicted for Treason, or for Misprison of Treason, shall have a true Copy of the whole Indictment delivered unto them, two full Days at least before he or they shall be arraigned for the same, whereby to enable them or any of them respectively to advise with Council thereupon, to plead and make their Defence, his or their Attorney or Attornies, Agent or Agents, or any of them, requiring the same, and paying the Officer his lawful Fees for writing thereof; and that every such Person so accused and indicted, arraigned or tried, for any Treason as aforesaid, or for Misprison of Treason, shall be received and admitted to make his and their full Defence by Council learned in the Law, and to make any Proof that he or they can produce, by lawful Witness or Witnesses, who shall then be upon Oath for his and their just Defence in that Behalf; and in case any Person or Persons, so accused and indicted, shall desire Council, the Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried, or some Judge of that Court, shall and is hereby authorised and required, immediately upon his or their Request, to assign to such Person or Persons such and so many Council, not exceeding two, as the Person or Persons shall desire, to whom such Council shall have free Access at all seasonable Hours.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whosoever shall be indicted, tried or attainted of Treason, or of Misprison of Treason, but by and upon the Oaths and Testimony of two lawful Witnesses, either both of them to the same overt Act, or one of them to one, and the other of them to another overt Act of the same Species of Treason, unless the Party indicted and arraigned or tried shall willingly, without Violence, in open Court confess the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person indicted for Treason or Misprison of Treason, and being arraigned thereupon, shall stand mute, a Jury shall forthwith be impanelled and sworn to try and say, whether the Person so standing mute, standeth mute by the Providence and Act of God, or fraudulently, and wilfully and obstinately; and if they shall return their Verdict, that he standeth mute by the Providence and Act of God, the Court shall thereupon cause him to be remanded to Prison, and shall not proceed against him until he shall have recovered therefrom; but if the Jury shall return their Verdict, that the Prisoner so standing mute, standeth mute fraudulently, wilfully and obstinately, the Court shall cause to be entered upon
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the Indictment against the Prisoner the Plea of not guilty, and shall proceed upon his Trial, in like Manner in all Respects, as if the Prisoner had voluntarily plead the same Plea thereto, and put himself upon God and the Country for his Trial, except that the Prisoner shall not be admitted to make any Challenge to the Jurors.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person indicted for Treason or Misprision of Treason, who shall have voluntarily and duly pleaded to such Indictment, and put himself upon God and the Country for Trial, shall be admitted peremptorily to challenge Twenty of the Jury, and no more: And if any Person indicted as aforesaid, after having voluntarily pleaded as aforesaid, shall refuse to put himself upon God and the Country for Trial, or shall peremptorily challenge a greater Number of the Jury than Twenty, the Court shall disallow of all such Challenges over and above the Number of Twenty; and the Jury shall be charged and the Trial shall proceed in like Manner in all Respects, and the like Judgment shall be given, as would and ought to have been had and given, if the Person so indicted as aforesaid, and having pleaded as aforesaid, had duly put himself upon God and the Country for his Trial, and had not peremptorily challenged a greater Number of the Jury than in and by this Act he is admitted to challenge.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Attorney-General, or any other Person prosecuting in Behalf of this State, shall not be admitted in any Case whatever peremptorily to challenge any Juror, about to be impaneled for the Trial of any criminal Accusation or Charge.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if two or more distinct Treasons, of divers Heads or Kinds, shall be alledged in one Bill of Indictment, one Witness produced to prove one of the said Treasons, and another Witness produced to prove another of said the Treasons, shall not be deemed or taken to be two Witnesses to the same Treason, within the Meaning of this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Evidence shall be admitted or given of any overt Act, that is not expressly laid in the Indictment, against any Person or Persons whatsoever.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons who shall be accused, indicted and tried for Treason as aforesaid, or Misprision of Treason, shall have Copies of the Pannel of the Jurors who are to try them, delivered unto them, and every of them so accused and indicted respectively, two Days at least before he or they shall be tried for the same; and that all Persons so accused and indicted, for any Treason as aforesaid, or for Misprision of Treason, shall have the like Process of the Court where they shall be tried, to compel their Witnesses to appear for them at any such Trial or Trials, as is usually granted to compel Witnesses to appear against them.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Indictment for any of the Offences aforesaid, nor any Process or Return thereupon, shall be quashed on the Motion of the Prisoner, or his Council, for
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mis-writing,

mis-writing, mis-spelling, false or improper *English*, unless Exception concerning the same be taken and made in the respective Courts where such Trial shall be by the Prisoner, or his Council assigned, before any Evidence given in open Court upon such Indictment, nor shall any such mis-writing, or mis-spelling, false or improper *English*, after Conviction on such Indictment, be any Cause to stay or arrest Judgment thereupon.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Judgment given upon any Indictment shall and may be liable to be reversed upon a Writ of Error, to be brought by the Person thereby attainted, or, in case of his Death, by any of his Heirs, in the same Court wherein such Judgment was had and given.

AND to the Intent that the Terror and Dread of such criminal Prosecutions may in some reasonable Time be removed,

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whosoever shall be indicted, tried, or prosecuted for any Treason, or for Misprision of Treason, that shall be committed or done in Violation of this Act, unless the Indictment for the same be found within Three Years next after the Treason done or committed.

PROVIDED always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, or any Attainder or Attainders of any Person or Persons, for any Offence or Offences made Treason by this Act, shall not in any wise extend, or be judged, interpreted, or expounded to make any Corruption of Blood to any the Heir or Heirs of any such Offender or Offenders, or to make the Wife of any such Offender to lose or forfeit her Dower of or in any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or her Title, Action, or Interest, in or to the same, any Thing in this Act contained, or any other Law, to the contrary notwithstanding.

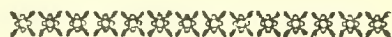
AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this State shall be deemed and adjudged in actual and real Possession of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, Uses, Goods, Chattels, and all other Things of the Offender attainted of Treason or Misprision of Treason as aforesaid, which such Offender, so being attainted, ought or might lawfully lose and forfeit to the Use of this State, immediately upon such Attainder.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall be attainted of Treason within this State, whether male or female, shall be punished by being hanged by the Neck until they are Dead, and not otherwise, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person upon whom Sentence or Judgment of Death shall be passed or given, by the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, shall be executed and put to Death in Pursuance of such Judgment, before the whole Record of such Proceedings or Case be certified by the Clerk of the same Court, under the Seal thereof, to the supreme executive Authority of this State, nor until a Warrant shall be issued

issued by the said supreme executive Authority, under the Great Seal of this State, with a Copy of the Record thereunto annexed, directed to the Sheriff of the County wherein the Trial of the Person so attainted as aforesaid was had, commanding the same Sheriff to cause Execution to be done upon the Person so attainted as aforesaid, in all Things according to the Judgment against him; and the Sheriff to whom such Warrant shall be directed is hereby authorized and required to execute the same in due Form of Law.

PROVIDED always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Parts of this Act as relate to the Regulation of Trials, shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Impeachment or other Proceeding in the General-Assembly of this State; and that this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.



WHEREAS there are a Number of Blankets immediately wanted for the Use of the Continental Battalions raising by this State: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Number of Five Hundred Blankets be immediately apportioned to the several Towns in this State. And whereas there is a Quantity of Flour and Iron belonging to this State, the distributing a Part of which amongst the Inhabitants thereof would at this Time be very useful and advantageous to them: *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That Two Hundred and Fifty Barrels of Flour, and four Tons of Iron be apportioned to the several Towns therein. And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Rule for apportioning the Blankets, Flour and Iron aforesaid, be according to the last Apportionment of the Tax: That Mr. Nathaniel Mumford be and he is hereby appointed to apportion the same; and that it be done immediately.

N. Mumford
to apportion
Blankets, &c.
to the several
Towns.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Crandall, Captain of the Row-Galley Spitfire, inlist to serve on board said Galley for the Term of Eighteen Months from the Day of their Inlistments, unless sooner discharged by this Assembly, Fifty Men, including those already inlisted, and their Officers: That all the Sailors be allowed Nine Pounds Bounty, upon their inlisting; and that those which have already inlisted have the same Bounty upon their inlisting anew, in Manner as above mentioned.

J. Crandall
to inlist Men
for the Row-
Galley Spit-
fire.

WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Potter, jun. presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for One Hundred and Sixty-five Nights keeping for the Light-Horse, while stationed in King's-County: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being Six Pounds Three Shillings and Ninepence Lawful Money, be paid the said Thomas Potter, jun. by John Northup, Esq;

T. Potter, jun;
allowed £ 6
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WHEREAS divers Persons within this State, who may reasonably be supposed to be well affected to the Interest and Liberties thereof, have hitherto neglected to subscribe the Test or Declaration, prescribed by an Act of this Assembly, at the Session held at Newport, in June, 1776, although called upon so to do, and are now prevented by an Act ordering that no Person, to whom the same had been tendered should after the

Further Time
allowed to
subscribe the
Test;

the passing thereof be permitted to subscribe the same, without Permission first had from this Assembly; and are in Consequence thereof subject to many Incapacities and Inconveniencies: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That if any Person within this State, not having hitherto subscribed the said Declaration, shall, on or before the Tenth Day of July next, subscribe the same before the Governor, Deputy-Governor, an Assistant, or Judge of the Superior or Inferior Court, or in open Town-Meeting, such Person shall be restored to all his Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, and Immunities, and shall as fully enjoy the same, as though he had subscribed the said Test or Declaration in due Season; and that no Person, after the Expiration of said Time, shall be admitted to subscribe the same, without special Permission first had from this Assembly.

Act for filling
up the Fif-
teen Months
Brigade.

WHEREAS the calling forth the Militia for Defence of this State greatly prevents the carrying on necessary Husbandry, and is attended with many other Inconveniencies, *It is Voted and Resolved*, for the filling up the Brigade ordered to be raised by this State for Fifteen Months, that a Bounty of Six Pounds Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to each Non-commissioned Officer and Private, who shall enlist into the same within Fifteen Days after the Rising of this Assembly, in Addition to the Bounty heretofore allowed, after which Time this additional Bounty shall cease.

AND whereas Cloathing was allowed to the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, as Part of their Bounty, some of whom already enlisted have not yet received the same, and others who shall enlist, may incline to receive Money in Lieu thereof, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That in case any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall choose to receive Money instead of Cloathing, he shall be allowed Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, in Lieu of the whole Cloathing allowed, and in Proportion for any Part thereof.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Form of the Enlistment in future for the said Brigade, shall be the same as was first ordered, excepting that the Men shall be enlisted to serve until the Sixteenth Day of March next, unless sooner discharged by this Assembly, on which Day the said Brigade shall be dismissed.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That One Thousand Men, be raised for filling up the said Brigade; and that the Quota of each Town thereof shall be as follows, to wit:

Providence,	80	Charlestown,	35
Warwick,	61	West-Greenwich,	35
Westerly,	39	Coventry,	49
North-Kingstown,	51	Exeter,	39
South-Kingstown,	50	Bristol,	24
East-Greenwich,	44	Tiverton,	42
Smithfield,	55	Little-Compton,	31
Scituate,	82	Warren,	23
Gloucester,	68	Cumberland,	42
		Richmond,	

<i>Richmond,</i>	28	<i>Johnston,</i>	32
<i>Cranston,</i>	37	<i>North-Providence,</i>	15
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	36	<i>Barrington,</i>	11

It is further Voted and Resolved, That as soon as any Town shall have raised its Proportion assigned by this Act, or any Number of Men as Part of their Quota, not less than Five, and the same shall have joined the Army, that then so many Men of the Militia, Alarm-Men, and Independent Companies, of such Town upon Duty, shall be dismissed by Lot, and shall be discharged from doing Duty upon the Shores, except in case of such an Alarm as shall occasion the whole Force of the State to be called out; and his Honor Major-General *Spencer* is hereby requested to discharge them accordingly.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That no greater Bounty shall be given by any Town, than is allowed by this Act; and that any Town may inflict the Inhabitants of other Towns, as Part of its Quota.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Treasurers of the several Towns, or Persons appointed by said Towns, be empowered to draw the necessary Sums of Money for the Purpose aforesaid.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, made Choice of Officers chosen, the following Officers, *to wit:*

JUSTICES of the PEACE for the several Towns.

PROVIDENCE :	Daniel Hall,
John Foster,	Jeremiah Hazard (<i>Son of Robert</i>) <i>Esquires.</i>
David Wilkinson,	SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :
Arthur Fenner, <i>jun.</i>	Samuel Tefit,
Theodore Foster,	Nathaniel Gardner,
Nathaniel Wheaton,	Freeman Perry,
Robert Taylor,	Daniel Rodman,
Joseph Martin, <i>Esquires.</i>	Samuel Perry,
WARWICK :	Caleb Tefit, <i>Esquires.</i>
Thomas Rice,	EAST-GREENWICH :
Robert Rhodes,	Hopkins Cooke,
Silas Cooke,	Allen Johnson,
William Greene (<i>Son of Philip</i>)	John Brigs, <i>jun.</i>
James Jerauld, <i>Esquires.</i>	James Searle, <i>Esquires.</i>
WESTERLY :	SMITHFIELD :
Joseph Crandall,	Stephen Arnold,
Joseph Clarke,	Daniel Smith (<i>Son of Elisha</i>)
Samuel Berry,	Uriah Alverson,
Joseph Maxson,	Ichabod Comstock,
Joseph Pendleton, <i>Esquires.</i>	Daniel Comstock,
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Gideon Mowry,
William Hammond,	Jeremiah Winsor, <i>Esquires.</i>
Eber Shearman,	GLOUCESTER :
George Thomas (<i>Son of Samuel</i>)	Timothy Wilmarth,
Charles Tillinghast,	Silas Williams,
Caleb Hill,	

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Jonathan Harris,
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*
Moses Cooper,
Caleb Arnold, *Esquires.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,
Christopher Babcock,
James Congdon, 3d, *Esquires.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Judiah Aylsworth,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Thomas Gorton,
Benjamin Johnston,
Jonathan Niles,
Jonathan Deane, *Esquires.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,
William Stone,
Joseph Mathewson,
Jonathan Olin, *Esquires.*

EXETER :

George Peirce,
Nicholas Gardner, *jun.*
Robert Crandall,
Samuel Gorton,
Alexander Cafe, *Esquires.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Israel Stoddard,
Aaron Wilbur,
Adam Simmons,
Enos Gifford, *Esquires.*

WARREN :

William Turner Miller,
William Barton,
Daniel Cole, *Esquires.*

CUMBERLAND .

John Dexter,
Peter Darling,
Nathaniel Shepherdson,
Jotham Carpenter, *Esquires.*

RICHMOND :

Edward Perry,
George Webb,
Robert Stanton,
Joseph Woodmanfie, *jun.*
Thomas Teftr, *Esquires.*

CRANSTON :

Job Manchester,
Nehemiah Knight,
Andrew Harris,
Nathan Williams, *Esquires.*

HOPKINTON :

John Maxson, *jun.*
Nathan Burdick,
Edward Wells,
Francis West,
Rowse Babcock, *Esquires.*

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap,
Noah Mathewson,
Caleb Harris,
Peleg Williams,
Edward Fenner, *Esquires.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Edward Tripp,
William Bagley,
Hope Angell, *Esquires.*

BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen,
Moses Tyler, *Esquires.*

Charles Keene, Esq; Inspector of Steel in and throughout the State.

OFFICERS to command the several Trained Bands, or Companies of Militia, within the State.

PROVIDENCE :

First Company,
Jonathan Russell, *Captain.*
David Lawrence, *Lieutenant.*
Martin Seamans, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

James Burrill, *Captain.*

PORTSMOUTH Company,

David Gifford, *Captain.*
Alexander Thomas, *Lieutenant.*
John Wilcox, *jun. Ensign.*

WARWICK :

First Company,

Job Randall, *Captain.*
Jame Arnold, 5th, *Lieutenant.*
James Carder, *jun. Ensign.*

Second Company,

Squire Miller, *Captain.*
James Jerauld, *Lieutenant.*
John Stafford, *Ensign.*

Third Company, (tain.

Thomas Rice (Son of Thomas) Cap-
Anthony

Anthony Holden (*Son of Charles*)
Lieutenant.

Stukely Stafford, *Ensign.*

WESTERLY :

First Company,

Joshua Pendleton, *Captain.*

Ephraim Pendleton, *Lieutenant.*

Simeon Pendleton, *Ensign*

Second Company,

John Gavett, *Captain.*

Stephen Saunders, *Lieutenant.*

William Bliven, *Ensign.*

Third Company;

George Stillman, *Captain.*

Peleg Saunders, *Lieutenant,*

Afa Maxson, *Ensign.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

First Company,

Peter Wright, *Captain.*

John Manchester, *Lieutenant.*

Sylvester Pierce, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

John Cole, *jun. Captain.*

James Congdon, *Lieutenant.*

Joseph Northup, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

John Brown, *jun. Captain.*

Joshua Vaughan, *Lieutenant.*

Christopher Peirce, *Ensign.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

First Company,

Samuel Potter, *Captain.*

Gideon Babcock, *Lieutenant.*

Jonathan Card, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

Stephen Babcock, *Captain.*

Joseph Carpenter, *Lieutenant.*

Caleb Chappel, *Ensign.*

JAMESTOWN Company,

Edward Carr, *jun. Captain.*

John Weeden (*Son of Daniel Weeden, jun.*) *Lieutenant.*

Simuel Carr, *Ensign.*

SMITHFIELD :

First Company,

Samuel Day, *Captain.*

Richard Sayles, *3d, Lieutenant.*

William Gully, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

Ebenezer Trask, *Captain.*

Simeon Ballou, *Lieutenant.*

David Aldrich, *Ensign*

Third Company,

Joseph Sprague, *Captain.*

Jesse Smith, *Lieutenant.*

Emor Smith, *Ensign.*

SCITUATE :

First Company,

Jonathan Knight, *Captain.*

Angell Sweet, *Lieutenant.*

David Wight, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

Simeon Herrington, *Captain.*

George Dorrance, *Lieutenant.*

Reuben Read, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

Coomer Smith, *Captain.*

Jabel Angell, *Lieutenant.*

Samuel Angell, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company,

Jeremiah Davis, *Captain.*

Isaac Hopkins, *Lieutenant.*

Oziel Smith, *Ensign.*

Fifth Company.

Samuel Wilbour, *Captain.*

Thomas Field, *Lieutenant.*

William Potter, *Ensign.*

Sixth Company,

Stephen Sheldon, *Captain.*

William Howard, *Lieutenant.*

James Wells, *Ensign.*

GLOUCESTER.

First Company,

Benajah Whipple, *Captain.*

John Eddy, *Lieutenant.*

Stephen Olney, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

Samuel Mayes, *Captain.*

Ezekiel Phettiplace, *Lieutenant.*

David Mathewson, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

Abraham Winfor, *Captain.*

Stephen Pain, *Lieutenant.*

Richard Lewis, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company,

Stephen Winfor, *Captain.*

Aaron Arnold, *Lieutenant.*

Isaac Rofs, *Ensign.*

CHARLESTOWN :

First Company,

John Parks, *Captain.*

Gideon Hoxsie, *jun. Lieutenant.*

Christopher Babcock, *jun. Ensign.*

Second

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Second Company,

Amos Greene, *Captain.*
 Beriah Lewis, *Lieutenant.*
 Daniel Stafford, *Ensign.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

First Company,

Job Straight, *Captain.*
 Joseph Hopkins (*Son of Samuel*)
Lieutenant.

Randal Spencer, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

Benjamin Gorton, *Captain.*
 Caleb Greene, *Lieutenant.*
 Joseph Weaver, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

Joseph Draper, *Captain.*
 Joseph James, *Lieutenant.*
 John Tillinghast, *jun. Ensign.*

COVENTRY :

First Company,

Benedict Colvin, *Captain.*
 Robert Cooke, *Lieutenant.*
 John Colvin, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

William Roy, *Captain.*
 William Burlingham, *Lieutenant.*
 Nicholas Whitford, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

Langtord Weaver, *Captain.*
 Jonathan Nichols, *jun. Lieutenant.*
 Silas Westcoat, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company,

Afa Bennet, *Captain.*
 Joseph Kinyon, *Lieutenant.*
 Thomas Parker, *jun. Ensign.*

EXETER :

First Company,

Jonathan Bates, *jun. Captain.*
 Stephen Whitman, *Lieutenant.*
 Daniel Tillinghast, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

David Herrington, *Captain.*
 John Bissell, *jun. Lieutenant.*
 Elijah Cate, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

Samuel Gorton, *Captain.*
 George Wilcox, *Lieutenant.*
 Nathaniel Pulman, *Ensign.*

BRISTOL Company,

William Throop, *Captain.*
 Joseph Reynolds, *jun. Lieutenant.*
 Jonathan Diamond, *Ensign.*

TIVERTON :

First Company,

Isaac Cooke, *Captain.*
 Philip Corey, *Lieutenant.*
 Philip Manchester, *Ensign.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

First Company,

Ephraim Simmons, *Captain.*
 Samuel Coe, *Lieutenant.*
 William Simmens, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

George Simmons, *Captain.*
 John Davis, *Lieutenant.*
 Stephen Peirce, *Ensign.*

CUMBERLAND :

First Company,

Enoch Weatherhead, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Wilkinson, *Lieutenant.*
 Joseph Raze, *jun. Ensign.*

Second Company,

Amos Whipple, *Captain.*
 Nathaniel Gould, *Lieutenant.*
 Absalom Ballow, *Ensign.*

RICHMOND :

First Company,

Richard Bailey, *jun. Captain.*
 John Woodmanlie, *Lieutenant.*
 Joshua Webb, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

Jonathan Maxson, *Captain.*
 John Clarke, *Lieutenant.*
 Jeremiah Teft, *Ensign.*

CRANSTON :

Second Company,

Frederick Williams, *Captain.*
 Nathaniel Carpenter, *Lieutenant.*
 John Harris, *jun. Ensign.*

Third Company,

Edward Knight, *Captain.*
 William Field, 2d, *Lieutenant.*
 Joseph Potter, *Ensign.*

HOPKINTON :

First Company,

Elnathan Wells, *Captain.*
 Henry Wells, *Lieutenant.*
 Sylvanus Maxson, *Ensign.*

Second Company,

George Thurston, *Captain.*
 Randal Wells, *Lieutenant.*
 Joseph Thurston, *Ensign.*

Third Company,

Jesse Burdick, *Captain.*

Uriah

Uriah Saunders, *Lieutenant*,
Lebbeus Cotterell, *Ensign*.

JOHNSTON :

First Company,
Richard Fenner, *jun. Captain*.
Daniel Sprague, *Lieutenant*.
James Fenner, *Ensign*.

Second Company,
Emor Olney, *Captain*.
Daniel Angell, *Lieutenant*.
Laban Waterman, *Ensign*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE Company.
Ebenezer Jenckes, *Captain*.
Samuel Olney, *Lieutenant*.
Essek Olney, *Ensign*.

BARRINGTON Company,
Vial Allen, *Captain*.

Daniel Kinnicutt, *Lieutenant*.
James Martin, *Ensign*.

Committee of Safety.

For the County of *Newport*,
John Cooke, *Esq*;

For the County of *Providence*,
John Smith, *Esq*;

Daniel Tillinghast, *Esq*;
For *King's County*,
John Northup, *Esq*;

James Congdon, *3d, Esq*;

For the County of *Bristol*,
Hon. William Bradford, Esq;

For the County of *Kent*,
Stephen Mumford, *Esq*;

THE present Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Bristol* are continued in their Offices until the next Session, excepting *Jonathan Waldron*, who is dismissed; as are also the present Justices for the Town of *Tiverton*, excepting *John Bowen* and *David Hambly*, who are also dismissed.

In Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Scituate Hunters*, which are as follow, viz.

Officers for
the *Scituate*
Hunters.

Gideon Cornell, *Captain*.
Jonathan Smith, *First Lieutenant*.
Bertram Rounds, *Second Lieutenant*.
Jonathan Hopkins, jun. *Ensign*.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Officers be and hereby are approved.

THE Return of Officers for the Company of *North-Providence Rangers* was read in Council, and are as follow, to wit :

Officers for
the *North-*
Providence
Rangers.

Thomas Olney, jun. *Captain*.
Rufus Angell, *Lieutenant*.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Peck* presented unto this Assembly an Order, Deputy-Governor to pay drawn in his Favour on his Honor the Deputy-Governor, by *William Gardner*, being for the Hire of his the said *Peck's Horse*, employed by the said *Gardner*, in going Express from Col. *Babcock* to this Assembly, at *East-Greenwich*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Peck*, by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, as one of the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS

Z. Hopkins,
jun. allowed
£ 5 8 s.

WHEREAS *Zebedee Hopkins, jun. Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Gloucester*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Zebedee Hopkins, jun.* out of the General-Treasury

Soldiers and
their Families
to be supplied
with
Necessaries at
the Prices as
first stated.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at their Session in *December* last, passed an Act for preventing Monopoly and Oppression, therein stating the Prices of certain Articles in said Act enumerated: And did resolve, that the Soldiers raised by this State, and their Families, should be furnished with said Articles for their Use and Consumption, at the Prices as stated: And whereas this Assembly, at the present Session, have passed an Act, making certain Alterations in the Prices of said Articles: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Articles enumerated in the first mentioned Act shall be furnished the Soldiers raised by this State, and their Families, at the Prices as stated in said Act, agreeable to the true Intent and Meaning of said Resolve: the Soldiers lodging Money for that Purpose in the Hands of the Committee appointed to furnish them as aforesaid.

Committee
of Safety to
pay the Difference
between the
Continental
and State Allowances
to the Soldiers
in Colonels
Richmond
and *Lippitt's*
Regiments.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committees of Safety within this State be and they are hereby directed to pay the Difference of Wages between the Allowances of this State and the Continent, to the Officers of the Regiment late under the Command of Col. *Richmond*, during their Continuance in the Service: And to the Officers of the Regiment late under the Command of Col. *Lippitt*, from the Eleventh Day of *May, A. D. 1776*, until the First Day of *September* then next following, upon the Abstracts being certified by their respective Commanding Officers.

Returns of
the State
Brigade to
be made im-
mediately.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Officers in the two Battalions and Regiment of the Train raising within this State for fifteen Months who have not made their Returns to this Assembly at the First *May* Session as ordered, and shall not make the same, and a Return of the Names of the Persons by them enlisted into said Regiment and Battalions, and of the Time of their Enlistment, to the Council of War, on or before the Seventh Day of *June* next, shall be discharged from the Service, and the Council of War are empowered on the Eighth Day of *June* next to appoint others in their Room; and in case it shall appear by the Returns made, agreeable to this or the former Order, that any Officer is deficient in the Number which was by the Order first mentioned assigned him to raise, that the Officer so deficient shall be dismissed the Service, and the Council of War are empowered on the said Eighth Day of *June* to appoint others in their Stead: *Provided*, That no Person shall be commissioned, or be entitled to Pay or Rations as an Officer, until he shall have enlisted a Number of Men according to his Rank, equal to one Half the Number before assigned to such Officer, and make Return thereof to the Council of War, or (if sitting) to this Assembly, and immediately after such Return he shall be commissioned, and be entitled to Pay and Rations.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That Copies hereof be forthwith transmitted to the Colonels of the Battalions and Regiment.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS a Ferry-Boat belonging to Mrs. *Sarah Gray*, and taken into the Service of this State, was taken from *Howland's Ferry*, by the Generals *Spencer, West, and Malmedy*, who went with said Boat to *Bristol Ferry*, from whence she drifted upon *Rhode-Island*, and was burnt by the Enemy, all which appears by a Certificate under the Hand of *Nathan Munro*, Commander of the Boats at said Ferries: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Sixty seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Sum said Boat was appraised at, be paid the said *Sarah Gray*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Gray allowed £ 67
15 s.

WHEREAS Col. *John Weight* laid before this Assembly an Abstract or Pay Roll of a Detachment from his Company, with their Horses, who were on Duty Five Days, at the Request of General *Varnum*: And the same having been referred to the standing Committee of Audit, who, after carefully examining the same, reported the Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money due thereon; which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be accepted; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *John Weight*, by *John Northup*, Esq; for the Use of the Persons in said Abstract mentioned.

J. Weight allowed £ 27
10 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS *John Reynolds*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *Boston*, to purchase Cloathing: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and an Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Reynolds*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Reynolds allowed £ 7
13 s. ½

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Shearjashub Bourn*, jun. lay his Accounts as Quarter-Master before the Council of War: That the Council refer the same to the standing Committee, for Adjustment; and that they give him an Order for what shall be reported due to him, on the General-Treasurer.

S. Bourn, jun. to lay his Accounts before the Council of War.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Dyre* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Hartford*, in the State of *Connecticut*, on public Business: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid the said *William Dyre*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Dyre allowed £ 4
4 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Telft* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the State-House in *King's County*, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds and One Shilling* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Telft*, out of the General-Treasury.

E. Telft allowed £ 2
1 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Chappel* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance as a Waiter on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined,

R. Chappel allowed £
15 s.

examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Richard Chappel*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Channing
allowed £ 2
8 s.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences, in attending on this Assembly at the last Session, as Assistant-Clerk: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Lyndon
allowed £ 1
16 s.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire, in attending on this Assembly at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower House, and for Writing-Paper by him furnished for the Use of this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury.

Old Court-
House, &c.
in King's
County to be
sold at Ven-
due.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the old Court-House, and Lot of Land thereunto belonging, upon *Little-Redd Hill*, in *South-Kingstown*, be sold at public Vendue, on the Seventh Day of *June* next, to the highest Bidder, by the Sheriff of the County of *King's County*: That he give a good Deed thereof to the Purchaser, warranting the same in Behalf of this State; and that he advertise the Sale of said House and Land in the *Providence Gazette*.

Wood,
Stones, &c.
to be sold off
of unimpro-
ved Land. to
pay for
Rates.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That when any Tax shall be assessed upon any unimproved Land in any Town within the State, the Owner whereof is an Inhabitant of another Town, the Collector of Taxes within the Town in which said Land lies is directed to give Notice of said Assessment to the Owner thereof; and upon his Neglect or Refusal to pay the same, the said Collector is empowered to dispose of so much of the Wood and Stone that may be on said Land, as may be sufficient to satisfy and pay said Tax, or otherwise collect the same from the Owner of said Land, in the same Manner as by Law he is directed, when the Owner is in the Town in which the Tax is assessed.

Flag to pro-
ceed to New-
port.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Flag of Truce be permitted to proceed from *Howland's Ferry* to *Rhode-Island*, to carry on said Island *Joseph Willcox*, and that the same be under the Direction of Col. *Stanton*.

W. Arnold to
enquire what
Number of
Blankets
have been
delivered to
the Soldiers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Welcome Arnold* be appointed to enquire what Number of Blankets, belonging to this State, have been, since the First of *December* last, delivered by the Committees of Safety to any Soldiers, and to whom they were delivered: That he apply to said Committees for Information; and that he make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; *W. Bradford* be empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same as one of the Committee of Safety. *to draw £ 1000 out of the Treasury.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Northup*, Esq; be empowered to draw *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same as one of the Committee of Safety. *J. Northup to draw £ 1500 out of the Treasury.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary revise the Act for preventing Monopoly and Oppression, and the Acts since made in Addition thereto; that he form the same into one Act, and make Report to the Council of War; that the same be forthwith printed, and Copies thereof transmitted to the several Town-Clerks within this State. *Secretary to revise the Acts against Monopoly, &c.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, who was appointed to proportion Flour, Iron and Blankets, to the several Towns within this State, presented unto this Assembly the following Apportionment of said Articles, *to wit* : *Proportion of Flour, Iron and Blankets, to sundry Towns.*

Proportion of Two Hundred Barrels of Flour, Five Hundred Blankets, and Four Tons of Iron, to the several Towns in this State.

	Barrels.	Blankets.	Iron.		
			C.	qr.	lb.
<i>Providence,</i>	34	68	10	3	5
<i>Warwick,</i>	15	30	4	2	5
<i>Westerly,</i>	9	18	2	3	4
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	14	28	4	2	8
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	27	54	8	3	6
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	8	16	2	2	19
<i>Smithfield,</i>	16	32	5	0	26
<i>Scituate,</i>	12	24	3	3	11
<i>Gloucester,</i>	10	20	3	1	12
<i>Charlestown,</i>	7	14	2	1	4
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	6	12	1	3	15
<i>Coventry,</i>	7	14	2	1	20
<i>Exeter,</i>	8	16	2	2	13
<i>Bristol,</i>	7	14	2	1	15
<i>Tiverton,</i>	11	22	3	1	27
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	10	20	3	0	10
<i>Warren,</i>	3	6	1	0	3
<i>Cumberland;</i>	7	14	1	3	22
<i>Richmond,</i>	6	12	1	3	12
<i>Cranston,</i>	11	22	3	2	6
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	8	16	2	2	6
<i>Johnston,</i>	5	10	1	1	24
<i>North-Providence,</i>	5	10	1	1	16
<i>Barrington,</i>	4	8	1	0	19
	250	500	80	0	0

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the above Apportionment of the Flour, Iron and Blankets, ordered to be apportioned to the several Towns within this

this State, be and the same is approved of: That the Persons hereafter named be appointed to procure the Blankets proportioned to the said Towns; and that they deliver the same, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to either of the Committees of Safety within the State, who are hereby directed to advance to the several Committee-Men in their respective Counties the necessary Sums for that Purpose. For *Providence*, *William Rhodes*; *Warwick*, *Benjamin Arnold*, jun. *Westerly*, *Thomas Rofs*; *North-Kingstown*, *Daniel Hall*, and in case of his Refusal, *Sylvester Gardner*; *South-Kingstown*, *Enoch Haszard*; *East-Greenwich*, *Thomas Tillinghast*; *Smithfield*, *Samuel Winsor*; *Scituate*, *Timothy Hopkins*; *Gloucester*, *A/a Kimbal*; *Charlestown*, *Robert Congdon*; *West-Greenwich*, *Elisha Green*; *Coven-try*, *John Green*; *Exeter*, *John Chapman*; *Bristol*, *Stephen Smith*; *Tiverton*, *Isaac Manchester*; *Little-Compton*, *Aaron Wilbour*; *Warren*, *Cromel Child*; *Richmond*, *Richard Bailey*; *Cranston*, *Randall Brigs*; *Hopkinton*, *Thomas Wells*; *Johnston*, *Ebenezer Sprague*; *North-Providence*, *Joseph Olney*; *Barrington*, *Peleg Heath*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committees do not give for the best of Blankets a higher Price than *Thirty Shillings* Lawful Money, and for others in Proportion: That if any Person within this State hath in the Opinion of said Committee a greater Number of Blankets than he is in immediate Want of, for the Use of himself and Family, and will not voluntarily dispose of the same, or of his Proportion of what he may be possessed of, the said Committee be empowered to impress the same, and pay the Owner thereof as much as the same shall appear to them to be worth, agreeable to this Resolve: That Persons be appointed by said Towns to transport at the Expence of this State the Flour and Iron above proportioned, from *Dartmouth* to their respective Towns; and that the Accounts for Transportation of the same be laid before this Assembly.

Choice of Of-
ficers in the
Artillery
Companies
regulated.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Officers of the Artillery Companies in the several Towns within this State, who have been heretofore appointed by such Towns, be chosen in future at the annual Town-Meeting for the Choice of Town-Officers in said Towns: That *Willson Pollock*, Captain of the Company in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, be suspended; and that the Lieutenant take the Command until another Choice, agreeable to this Resolve, any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Allowance to
the Judges,
&c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Fees of the Judges, Sheriffs, and other Officers of the Superior Court, as stated by Law, are too low, considering the Prices of the Necessaries of Life; and that this Assembly will make them an adequate Allowance for their public Services, from this Time until the next Session of this Assembly.

Committees
of Safety to
purchase Lea-
ther.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committees of Safety in this State be and they are hereby directed and empowered to purchase, at the stated Price, of the Farmers and other Proprietors of Leather, a sufficient Quantity to make Two Thousand Pair of Shoes: That they forthwith have them made for the Use of the Soldiers raised by this State; and that in case any Person having more than for his Family's Use shall withhold his Leather from Sale, the said Committees shall seize and impress the same out of the Hands of such Persons, paying them the stated Price therefor,
until

until the Quantity necessary for the Purpose aforesaid be procured. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That those Persons who shall frankly and freely sell their Leather to the said Committee at the stated Prices as aforesaid, without impressing, shall have the Preference in purchasing the raw Hides which may be at the Disposal of this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Persons to Offices, which Officers ought to have been filled up at the last or the present Session, be and continued. the same is hereby referred to the next Session; and that in the mean Time the Persons sustaining such Offices continue to discharge the Duties of them, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That Adjourn. the Secretary send Copies of the Acts and Orders now made and passed to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties. And whereas this Assembly was by Law to be adjourned to the County of *Kent*, which is unsafe at this Time, by Reason of the Small-Pox being in the Vicinity of that Town: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to *Monday* the Sixteenth Day of *June* next, then to meet at *Providence*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Leary

June, 1777.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY
of the STATE of *Rhode-Island*
and *Providence Plantations*, begun
and holden, by Adjournment,
at *Providence*, within and for
the said State, on the Third Mon-
day in *June*, in the Year of our
LORD, One Thousand, Seven
Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T.

The Honorable

Nicholas Cooke, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;
JOHN TANNER, Esq;
EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
WILLIAM WEST, Esq;
AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;
PARDON GRAY, Esq;

Assistants.

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq, DEPUTY-SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

June, 1777.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; SPEAKER.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, Esq;
Christopher Ellery, Esq;
Mr Caleb Gardner,
Mr. Thomas Rumreil.

PROVIDENCE:

Jonathan Arnold, Esq;
Mr John Brown,
Mr John Smith,
Mr. William Rhodes.

PORTSMOUTH:
N O N E.

WARWICK:

Mr. James Rhodes,
Colonel Benjamin Arnold, jun.
Mr. Thomas Rice, jun.

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, Esq;
James Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM:
N O N E.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, Esq;
Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Immanuel Cafe, Esq;
Mr. Enoch Hazard.

EAST GREENWICH:

Rufus Spencer, Esq.

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
Benjamin Underwood, Esq.

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, Esq;
Mr. Ezekiel Angell.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, Esq;
Timothy Hopkins, Esq.

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. John Smith, jun.
Mr. Stephen Winlor.

CHARLESTOWN:

Col. Gideon Hoxie, Esq;
Mr. Robert Congdon.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq;
Mr. Elisha Greene.

COVENTRY:

Ephraim Westcott, Esq;
Mr. John Greene, (Son of Thomas)

EXETER:

John Chapman, Esq;
Daniel Sunderland, Esq.

MIDDLETOWN:
N O N E.

BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

Mr. Isaac Manchester,
William Cook, Esq.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Mr. Aaron Wilbour.

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,
Col. Sylvester Child.

CUMBERLAND:

Thomas Angell, Esq;
Col. George Peck.

RICHMOND:

Major Richard Bailey,
Joseph Woodmanfie, jun. Esq.

CRANSTON:

Col. Christopher Lippitt,
Mr. Nehemiah Rhodes.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, Esq;
Mr. Edward Wells.

JOHNSTON:

Mr. Noah Mathewson.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, Esq;
Esek Hopkins, Esq.

BARRINGTON:

Paul Mumford, Esq;
Major Peleg Heath.

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That Major *Simeon Thayer* be, and Major Thayer to receive the Inlistments of R. Smith, he is hereby, appointed to receive of *Royzel Smith*, late Captain of a Company in one of the Continental Battalions, the Inlistments of the Men by him inlisted into the said Battalions, or in the fifteen Months Regiments ; and an Account of the Monies by him received for the Purposes aforesaid ; and that the said *Royzel Smith* be, and is hereby, required to deliver said Inlistments, and render said Account accordingly. And Major *Thayer* is further empowered to bring the said *Royzel Smith* to the Town of *Providence*, in order that he may be examined before this Assembly, or a Committee thereof.

WHEREAS Mr. *Abiezer Briggs* preferred a Petition, and A. Briggs' Petition granted. represented unto this Assembly, That he inlisted as a Soldier in Col. *Lippitt's* Regiment, in the Service of this State ; that he marched with said Regiment into the *Jersies* ; and on the second of *January* last, at *Trenton*, he received a Gun Shot Wound by the Enemy in his right Arm, which hath deprived him of the Use of it, whereby he is rendered unable to procure a Support ; and thereupon the said *Abiezer Briggs* prayed that such Allowances may be made him as are agreeable to the Resolutions of Congress, or otherwise as this Assembly may think just and necessary, for his present Support and Maintenance :

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to determine what Allowances shall be made to the Officers and Soldiers who are wounded in the Continental Service, agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That as often as either of the Committees of Safety are ready to have their Accounts audited, that they lay them before the standing Committee, who Accounts of the Committees of Safety to be audited. are hereby directed to receive and audit the same, and return them to the General Assembly with the Vouchers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and thirty Allowance to the General Treasurer. Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed to *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, for his extraordinary Services the Year past, exclusive of his Salary.

WHEREAS Capt. *Jabez Westcoat* hath received forty eight Pounds, and twelve Shillings, of Capt. *Thomas Carlile* ; which Major Thayer to receive of Capt. Westcoat the Money in his Hands. Sum hath been retained by the said *Thomas*, for the Clothing, Pay, and Billering of certain Soldiers who have inlisted into the Continental Battalions : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said *Westcoat* forthwith settle with Major *Simeon Thayer* respecting the same ; and that Major *Thayer* render an Account thereof to this Assembly.

WHEREAS

June, 1777.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to audit the Accounts of *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon, which are as follow, *to wit* :

The STATE of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , to <i>Joseph Clarke</i> ,		Dr.
To Amount of lawful Money Bills, dated <i>May</i> 3d, 1775, delivered the Committee and burnt,	£. 3168 12 3	
Interest on that Sum,	62 14 4	
		£. 3231 6 7
To Amount of lawful Money Bills, dated <i>June</i> 16th, 1775, delivered the Committee and burnt,	1492 0 4½	
Interest on that Sum,	24 19 4½	
		1516 19 9½
To Amount of lawful Money Bills, dated <i>June</i> 29th, 1775, delivered the Committee and burnt,	1624 11 3	
Interest on that Sum,	25 14 5½	
		1650 5 8½
To Amount of Charges contained in my Book, kept in Alphabetical Order, - -	- - -	87540 12 2½
To Amount paid for the Powder- Mill,	100 0 0	
To Amount paid for Salt-Pe- tre, & the Salt-Petre Works,	5638 4 5½	
To Amount of sundry small Expenses,	3 5 0	
		5741 9 5½
To Amount paid <i>John Smith</i> , one of the Committee of Safety,	37805 16 9	
To ditto paid <i>Daniel Til- linghast</i> , ditto,	19522 8 9	
To ditto paid <i>John Cook</i> , ditto,	9496 6 11	
To ditto paid <i>Joseph Stan- ton</i> , ditto,	3420 0 0	
To ditto paid <i>Metcalf Bow- ler</i> , ditto,	14178 13 0	
To ditto paid Hon'ble <i>William Bradford, Esq;</i> ditto,	11324 2 9½	
To ditto paid <i>Samuel A- born</i> , Commissary,	800 0 0	
To ditto paid <i>Nathan Mil- ler</i> , ditto,	789 11 3	
To ditto paid <i>John Northup</i> , Committee Safety,	14200 5 0	
To ditto paid <i>Stephen Mumford</i> , ditto,	15171 0 6	
To ditto paid <i>Pardon Gray</i> , Commissary,	1700 0 0	To

To ditto <i>Stephen Mumford</i> ,				
ditto,	£. 150	0	0	
To ditto paid <i>Robert Elliott</i> ,	£. 100			
<i>Gideon Westcoat</i> ,	30	-	130	0 0
To ditto paid <i>Mathew Manchester</i> , Commissary,	890	10	5½	
To ditto <i>James Congdon</i>				
3d, Committee Safety,	7800	0	0	
To ditto <i>Le Baron Bradford</i> , Commissary,	1200	0	0	
To ditto <i>Charles Holden</i> ,				
Paymaster,	2000	0	0	
To ditto <i>Henry Ward</i> ,	170	2	9	
				140748 18 1¼
To Amount of Cash paid sundry Persons, for redeeming my Notes given for Money hired,				16415 1 10
To Cash paid <i>Nathaniel Coddington</i> , on Account of Sloop <i>Diamond</i> , (omitted in Alphabet Letter C.)				150 0 0
				£. 256994 13 8¼
Balance due to the State, in lawful Money,				49167 3 1
				£. 306161 16 9¼

Balance due to the
State, in Old Tenor, £. 2556 5 1½

Creditor.

1777.	By a Balance due to the State, as appears by a Settlement made <i>May 31</i> , 1776, in Old Tenor,	£. 2556	5	1½
	By a Balance due to the State as per same Settlement,			£. 19428 19 2½
1776. June 21.	By Cash by Execution against <i>James Clarke</i> ,	£. 42	1	7
	By ditto of <i>John Northup</i> in Silver for Army,	37	4	0
	By ditto <i>William Greene</i> £. 62 14 in Silver,	113	11	8¼
	By ditto <i>Mr. Wilder</i> for his Note and Interest,	96	17	2
July 8.	By ditto <i>James Hill</i> for Goods of <i>G. Deblois</i> ,	200	0	0
30.	By ditto hired of sundry Persons, for which I gave Notes,	9800	0	0
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August 13.	By ditto of <i>Peter Phillips</i> , for Cloathing,	£. 42	0	0		
16.	By ditto of <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods of <i>G. Deblois</i> ,	140	0	0		
17.	By ditto <i>Beriah Brown</i> , for Land belonging to the State, as per his Note with Interest,	79	2	4		
	By ditto <i>Paul Tew</i> , proceeds Sloop <i>Speedwell</i> , and Brig <i>Georgia Packet</i> ,	440	0	0		
September 4.	By ditto <i>John Northup</i> , on Ac- count of Salt,	24	12	0		
					11015	8 9
27.	By Cash <i>William Greene</i> , Esq; brought from <i>Philadelphia</i> ,				35469	12 9
October 19.	By ditto of <i>John Northup</i> , for a Horse of <i>G. Rome's</i> ,	14	2	0		
	By ditto <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods of <i>G. Deblois</i> ,	200	0	0		
December 8.	By ditto <i>Jabez Champlin</i> , for Leather out of <i>George Rome's Yard</i> ,	363	0	9		
	By ditto of <i>Hemstead Miner</i> , for Cattle of <i>G. Irish</i> ,	193	18	10		
1777. February 1.	By ditto <i>Joseph Lawrence</i> , for Goods of <i>C. Dudley</i> ,	600	0	0		
5.	By ditto of <i>Jonathan Arnold</i> ,	6	18	0		
	By ditto <i>Shearjashub Bourn</i> , for <i>Bristol's</i> Proportion of Salt,	30	0	0		
	By my Order on <i>John How- land</i> , in Favour of <i>Le Baron Bradford</i> , for Cattle brought off <i>Hog-Island</i> ,	82	2	9½	1490	2 41
10.	By Cash of <i>George H. Peckham</i> per <i>James Congdon</i> ,	170	8	0		
	By ditto of <i>Joseph Lawrence</i> , for Goods of <i>C. Dudley</i> ,	150	0	0		
28.	By ditto of <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods of <i>Deblois</i> ,	390	0	0		
March 16.	By ditto of <i>Clarke and Night- ingale</i> , for <i>Rhubarb</i> and <i>Bark</i> ,	60	0	0		
18.	By ditto of <i>William Greene</i> , Esq.	32	4	7		
					802	12 7
April 4.	By Amount of Cash hired of sun- dry Persons, for which I gave my Notes,				7000	0 0
	By Cash per <i>Jacob Green</i> and <i>Da- vid Howel</i> , from Continental Treasury, 334,042 Dollars,					
		100212	12	0		
	By Cash of Hon'ble <i>Nicholas</i>					

Cooks,

Cooke, Esq; on an Order drawn by Continental Treasurer, for 60,000 Dollars,	18000	0	0	118,212	12	0
By Cash of <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods of <i>Deblois</i> ,	12	1	10			
By ditto <i>Welcome Arnold</i> and <i>John Reynolds</i> returned,	2000	0	0			
By ditto of <i>Martin Seamans</i> £. 5, of <i>N. Coddington</i> £. 150,	155	0	0			
By ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , £. 12, of <i>Thomas Wells</i> , £. 79	10	91	10	0		
				2258	11	10
By ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , for 15 Fuzees,	90	0	0			
By ditto of <i>Daniel Mowry</i> , for Stock sold,	392	18	0			
				482	18	0
By lawful Money Bills, emitted <i>September 1776</i> , 66,670 Dol- lars,	20,001	0	0			
By lawful Money Bills, emitted <i>Dec. 1776</i> , at 6 per Cent.	40,000	0	0			
By lawful Money Bills, <i>Feb. 1777</i> , at 4 per Cent.	50,000	0	0			
				110,001	0	0
				£. 306,161	16	9½
By Balance in Old Tenor as per last Settlement,	£. 2,556	5	1½			

WE the Subscribers, with *John Brown* and *Gideon Mumford*, being appointed a Committee to audit the Account of the General Treasurer, do report, That we find a Balance of forty nine Thousand, one Hundred, and sixty-seven Pounds, three Shillings, and one Penny, lawful Money; and the Sum of two Thousand, five Hundred, and fifty-six Pounds, five Shillings, and one Penny, Halfpenny, Old Tenor, due to the State, agreeable to the above Account.

Providence, June 11th, 1777.

John Jenckes,
Nathaniel Mumford,
Thomas Greene.

N. B. One Year's Salary, from the 5th of *May*, 1776, to the 5th of *May*, 1777, being £. 90, being omitted to be charged, leaves the true Balance due, on this Account, to the State, of forty-nine Thousand, and seventy-seven Pounds, three Shillings, and one Penny, lawful Money.

£. 49,167 3 1
90

John Jenckes,
Nathaniel Mumford,
Thomas Greene.

Leaves due, £. 49,077 3 1

AND

June, 1777.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

Committee to
prosecute *J.*
Waldron et als,
for the Rents,
&c. of *W. Vassal*'s
Estate.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Cromel Child*, and *Sylvester Child*, Esqrs; who were heretofore appointed to make Enquiry after the personal Estate of *William Vassall*, Esq; and to make an Inventory thereof, be, and they are hereby, empowered in Behalf of this State, to commence Actions against *John Waldron*, ——— *Cushing*, *Hezekiah Munro*, and *Stephen Munro*, for the Recovery thereof; and also for the Rents due from them, or either of them, for the real Estates of the said *William Vassall*, and *Thomas Palmer*.

Committee to
count the Mo-
ney in the Ge-
neral Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *John Brown* and *John Jenckes*, with the standing Committee, be appointed a Committee to count the Money now in the Treasury; and that they make Report to this Assembly.

Standing Com-
mittee to make
out the Ac-
counts for the
recruiting Ser-
vice.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the standing Committee forthwith make out an Account of the Sums of Money advanced by this State for the recruiting Service, and the Names of the Officers to whom they were paid: And that they make Report to this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, to the Council of War, to the End that the same may be transmitted to the Paymaster of the Battalions in which they serve.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Paymasters, upon the Receipt of said Accounts, forthwith procure a Settlement thereof; and that they produce the same, with the Vouchers, to this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, to the Council of War.

Regulations of
the Navy intro-
duced into this
State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations ordered by Congress, for the Continental Ships and Vessels of War, be introduced into this State, for the Government of all Ships and Vessels of War in the Service thereof: That the commissioned Officers of any Vessel of War, or the major Part of them, not consisting of less than three, be empowered to hold Courts Martial for the Trial of all non-commissioned Officers and Privates belonging thereto: And that the Council of War, appointed to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, be empowered to hold Courts Martial upon any commissioned Officer belonging to any Ship or Vessel of War in the Service of this State.

G. Irish allowed
to come before
the Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *George Irish* be permitted to come before this Assembly on *Thursday* next, being the nineteenth Instant.

Report of the
Delivery of the
Records of the
Clerks Office

WHEREAS *Carter Hazard* and *Immanuel Case*, Esqrs; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

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IN Obedience to a Vote of the Honorable General Assembly of the Inferior Court King's-County, passed the twenty-second of May, A. D. 1777, we have received of *Benjamin Peckham*, Esq; late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *King's-County*, all the Records, Files, Seal, and other Things belonging to said Office ; and have delivered them to *Frezman Perry*, Esq; the present Clerk, taking and giving Receipts therefor.

Cárder Hazard,
Immanuel Cose.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, *T. Hopkins al-* that Mr. *Timothy Hopkins*, late a Soldier in Col. *Hitchcock's* Re-^{lowed Pay for} giment, in the Service of this State, had his Gun detained in his Gun. Service by Orders from his Excellency General *Washington*, when said Regiment was stationed at *Prospect-Hill* ; which said Gun was appraised at eight Dollars ; that by Mistake in making out the Abstract of Pay for the Guns, he drew no Pay for said Gun, and as yet has had no Allowance for the same : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That two Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Timothy Hopkins*, out of the General Treasury, for his said Gun.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Allin* exhibited unto this Assembly *T. Allin allowed* an Account, by him charged against the State, for cleaning a ^{£. 18 10 2.} Number of Arms, and making Bayonets, Ramrods, and Trimming for the same, and for Cash by him paid for the Freight of said Arms from *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being eighteen Pounds, ten Shillings, and two Pence, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Thomas Allin*, by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, as one of the Committee of Safety, upon his the said *Allin's* delivering said Guns to the Deputy-Governor.

WHEREAS Doctor *William Bowen* laid before this Assembly *W. Bowen al-* bly an Account, by him charged against *Peter Ritto*, a Soldier ^{lowed £. 5 18} in the Alarm Company under the Command of Col. *Barzillia* ^{o.} *Richmond*, and who was taken Sick while on Duty at *Pawtuxet* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Bowen*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Major *Hezekiah Bissell* preferred a Petition, and Major *Bissell* represented unto this Assembly, That he hath been applied to ^{allowed to car-} by the Proprietors and Owners of the Powder-Mill in *Wind-* ^{ry Rum, &c.} *ham,* ^{out of the State.}

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ham, to procure for their Use a Quantity of Rum, and to forward the same ; in Consequence of which he has, with much Difficulty, obtained near One Hundred Gallons of *West-India* and *New-England* Rum, and was about to remove the same, but finds that, by a late Act of this Assembly, that said Articles cannot be removed without Permission first had for that Purpose : And thereupon prayed for Liberty to remove the said Rum from *Providence* to said *Windham*, without being considered as acting against the Design of said Embargo ; and further represented that he has been, for some Months past, possessed of about ten Gallons of Spirits, one Barrel of Sugar, and a few Dozen of Port Wine, which he purchased for his Family's Use, and which he prayed might be also included in said Permit.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

D. Dexter's Petition granted, and he allowed £. 19 17 0.

WHEREAS *David Dexter* of *Cumberland*, Housewright, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That *Samuel Dexter* his Son, who was an Ensign in Capt. *David Dexter's* Company, in Col. *Lippitt's* Regiment, came from *Newport* to his House, in the latter Part of the Month of *August* last past, under weak and low Circumstances of Body, which increasing upon him he languished, and Departed this Life the third Day of *February* following ; that during the long and distressing Sickness of the said *Samuel*, he the Petitioner was at a very great Expence, and his deceased Son has not left one Quarter Part sufficient to make him Satisfaction : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him the Sum of nineteen Pounds, and seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, which is only the Amount of the Doctor's Bills, during the said *Samuel's* Sickness, and that he will bear the other great Expence himself, although very unable so to do.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted ; and that the Sum of nineteen Pounds, and seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *David Dexter*, out of the General Treasury.

Limitation upon the Price of Salt taken off. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Price of Salt, manufactured or imported within this State, be not limited in future : Any Act to the Contrary, notwithstanding.

P. Gray to distribute Corn and Barley to the Poor of *Tiverton*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major *Pardon Gray* distribute the Corn and Barley, in his Hands, belonging to this State, to the poor Inhabitants of the Town of *Tiverton* ; Barley at three Shillings and six Pence per Bushel ; and Corn, to the Families

Families of the Soldiers, at three Shillings and six Pence per Bushel ; and to all others at four Shillings per Bushel ; and that he account therefor to this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Ebenezer Harris* be permitted to carry a Hoghead of Sugar (which he bought of Mr. *Joseph Whipple* before the State-Bill was passed) from *Providence*, to the House of Mr. *John Greene* (Son of *Thomas*) in *Coventry*, within this State.

E. Harris permitted to carry a Hoghead of Sugar from *Providence*.

BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, Officers chosen chose the following Officers in the Brigade raising by this State for fifteen Months, to wit :

William Barton, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, } of the first
Nathaniel Hawkins, Esq; Major, } Regiment.

Archibald Crary, Esq; Colonel, } of the second
John Topham, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, } Regiment.
James Williams, Esq; Major,

Peleg Hoxsie, } Captains in Col. *Stanton's* Regiment.
Benjamin Hoppen,

John Carr, } Captains in Col. *Crary's* Regiment.
Benajah Whipple,

<i>William Gardner</i>, first Lieutenant in Capt. <i>Hoxsie's</i> Company, <i>William Whipple</i>, first Lieutenant in Capt. <i>Phillips'</i> Company, <i>Christopher Phillips</i>, second Lieutenant in Capt. <i>Phillips'</i> Company, <i>Samuel Champlin</i>, second Lieutenant in Capt. <i>Dyre's</i> Company, <i>Joshua Babcock</i>, second Lieutenant in Capt. <i>Thompson's</i> Company, <i>George Tennant</i>, second Lieutenant in Capt. <i>Hoppen's</i> Company, <i>John Welch</i>, Ensign in Capt. <i>Hoxsie's</i> Company, <i>Newman Herring</i>, Ensign in Capt. <i>Phillips'</i> Company, <i>Randall Rice</i>, Ensign in Capt. <i>Dyre's</i> Company, <i>Andrew Stanton</i>, Ensign in Capt. <i>Thompson's</i> Company, <i>Thomas Parker</i>, Ensign in Capt. <i>Gibbs'</i> Company, <i>Arnold Bentley</i>, Ensign in Capt. <i>Hammet's</i> Company,	}	in the first Regiment.
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Nathan Olney, first Lieutenant in Captain *Carr's* Company,
Zadock Williams, first Lieutenant in Capt. *Whipple's* Company,
Nathan Carpenter, first Lieutenant in Capt. *Riggs'* Company,
Benjamin Walcut, first Lieutenant in Capt. *Ballou's* Company,
Jacob Belknap, second Lieutenant in Capt. *Ballou's* Company,
Daniel Sheldon, second Lieutenant in Capt. *Whipple's* Company,
Aaron Wilbour, jun. second Lieutenant in Capt. *Manchester's* Company,
Alexander Thomas, second Lieutenant in Capt. *Riggs'* Company,
Eleazer Randall, Ensign in Capt. *Whipple's* Company,
Benjamin Willcox, Ensign in Capt. *Manchester's* Company,
Mathew Maxson, jun. Ensign in Capt. *Parker's* Company,
Simeon Dexter, Ensign in Capt. *Ballou's* Company,
Reuben Read, Ensign in Capt. *Carr's* Company,
Elijah Armstrong, Ensign in Capt. *Allen's* Company,

in the
second
Regi-
ment.

Joseph Cornell, Ensign in the Continental Battalion raised by this State, under the Command of Col. *Greene*, in the Room of *Nathaniel Phillips* who hath resigned.

S. Dunn, jun. permitted to carry a Hog-head of Rum out of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Hogshhead of Rum, belonging to Mr. *Samuel Dunn*, jun. lately seized in the Town of *North-Providence*, and stored in th House of Mr. *Jonathan Jenckes*, jun. be delivered the said *Samuel*; and that he be permitted to carry the same to *Boston*, for the Stores of two Vessels bound from thence to *France*.

Boat permitted to go upon *Block-Island*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Jacob Greene* be, and he is hereby, permitted to send upon *Block-Island* a Boat, in order to bring off a *Negro* Boy belonging to General *Greene*; and that the Boat depart under the Care, Direction and Inspection, of Col. *Joseph Noyes*.

D. Vaughan appointed to the Fort at *Howland's* Ferry.

WHEREAS *Daniel Vaughan* has had the Command, and acted as a Captain-Lieutenant of the Lower Fort at *Howland's* Ferry in *Tiverton*, by Order of Col. *John Cook*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Daniel Vaughan* be allowed the Pay and Rations of a Captain-Lieutenant in the Artillery since his Appointment, and during his Continuance in said Service.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *John Northup* and *Sylvester Gardner*, Esqrs; Collector of Rates for *North-Kingstown* to collect the Rates uncollected by the former Collector. preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That *Stutely Westcoat*, Collector of Rates for the Town of *North-Kingstown*, was taken and carried by the Enemy, from said Town, to the Island of *Rhode-Island*; that great Difficulty has since arisen in collecting the Rates within said Town, as no Account can be had from whom they have been collected by the said *Westcoat*: And thereupon the Petitioners, agreeable to a Vote of said Town, requested this Assembly to empower *James Congdon*, the present Collector of Rates within said Town, to administer an Oath or Affirmation to any Person who appears to be indebted for any Rates within said Town, and who cannot otherwise make it appear that he hath paid the same, that he hath well and truly paid and satisfied the said Rates to the said *Stutely Westcoat*: And if any Person shall refuse to take said Oath or Affirmation, that the said *James Congdon* be empowered to collect said Rates agreeable to Law.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Doctor *Reuben Mason* be, *R. Mason* allowed £. 7 16. and he is hereby, allowed seven Pounds, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, to be paid out of the General Treasury, for, his Services as Surgeon in the Brigade commanded by Brigadier-General *William West*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Philip Paine* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *Henry Ward*, Esq; for four Quire and an Half of Imperial Paper, delivered him to make a Book of Records for the Secretary's Office: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid the said *Philip Paine*, out of the General Treasury. *P. Paine* allowed £. 2 0 6.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Joseph Hoxsie*, *Gideon Hoxsie*, and *James Babcock*, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit:

WE the Subscribers being by the General Assembly, at their Session in *South-Kingstown* on the twenty-first Day of May last, appointed a Committee to receive of Mr. *Silas Niles* the Stock belonging to the Farm lately improved by him, agreeable to the Lease and Schedule he received from the State, do report, That, in Obedience to said Appointment, we have received of the said *Silas Niles*, the Stock belonging to said Farm, which is agreeable to his Lease and Schedule, and have delivered the same to Messrs. *Stephen Champlin* and *Job Watson*. All which is submitted to your Honors, by your humble Servants,

Joseph Hoxsie,
Gideon Hoxsie,
James Babcock, jun. } Committee.

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J. Hoxsie, G. Hoxsie, and J. Babcock, jun. allowed £. 6. **THE STATE of Rhode-Island,** **Dr.**
To three Days of ourselves, and Horses, to receive and deliver the above-mentioned } **£. 6 0 0**
 Stock, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; that the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being six Pounds, lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Hoxsie, Gideon Hoxsie, and James Babcock, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

J. Smith to pay J. Nelson's Account. **MAJOR John Nelson** having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Wages and Expences of three Companies of Men, belonging to Col. *Sprout's* Regiment, who marched from *Middleborough*, in the County of *Plymouth* and State of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, to *Tiverton*, in order to go as Volunteers in an Expedition on *Rhode-Island*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be referred to Mr. *John Smith*, who is empowered to pay so much thereof, as shall appear to him to be due, to the said Major *John Nelson*.

Act adjourning the Inferior Court in the County of Newport. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *Newport*, which by an Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly are to be holden at *Tiverton* on the fourth *Monday* of *June* instant, be adjourned and held at said *Tiverton* on the fifth *Monday* of *June* instant: That all Actions, Matters, Causes, and Things whatever, which are pending before said Courts, be then heard, tried, and determined: And that the Jurors be then impannelled agreeable to the said Act.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Answers be filed to any Actions commenced at said Court on or before the first Day of *July* next: And that this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

D. Mowry, jun. allowed £. 109 4. **WHEREAS** *Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for twenty-six Guns and Bayonets, purchased by Order of the Town-Council of *Smithfield*, for the poor Inhabitants of the said Town: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being one Hundred and nine Pounds, four Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel Mowry, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

A. Holden allowed £. 1 2. **WHEREAS** Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Provisions, Fire-Wood and Candles,

dles, by him furnished for sundry Prisoners and Criminals, and the Guards who attended them; and for the Ride of his Horse after *Jonathan Slocum* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that one Pound, two Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Holden*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Wilcox* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for store-^{*J. Wilcox al-*}age, and delivering out Salt belonging to the State, and for^{*lowed £. 12 2*} Victuals and Liquor provided for the People who unladed and^{*6.*} stored the same : And the said Account having been referred to the standing Committee of Audit, who reported that twelve Pounds, two Shillings, and six Pence, and no more, be allowed on said Account : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that said Sum of twelve Pounds, two Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid to Doct. *Joshua Babcock*, for *Jeremiah Wilcox*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Gaol-Keeper for the County of *Kent*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Bucket and Rope for the Use of the Gaol in *East-Greenwich* ; and for four Days Board of a poor Prisoner, for Breach of the Peace : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being sixteen Shillings, and three Pence, lawful Money, be paid the said *Anthony Holden*, out of the General Treasury.^{*A. Holden allowed. 13/6.*}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Stephens* be, and he is hereby, appointed Armourer of the fifteen Months Brigade, raised within this State ; and that he be allowed six Pounds, lawful Money, per Month.^{*T. Stephens appointed Armourer to the 15 Months Brigade.*}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Ward*, *Jonathan Arnold*, *Joshua Babcock*, *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Paul Mumford*, Esqrs; be a Committee to draught a Letter in Answer to the one received from Sir *Peter Parker*.^{*Committee to draught a Letter to Sir P. Parker.*}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Stephen Jenckes* be requested to examine the Beef and Pork in his Possession, belonging to this State ; and, if necessary, that he have the same repacked.^{*S. Jenckes to repack the Beef and Pork in his Hands.*}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Waiters on the General Assembly, Superior and Inferior Courts, be allowed, in future, four Shillings and six Pence per Day.^{*Fees of the Waiters raised.*}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Stephen Jenckes* be, and he^{*Packet*} be re-^{*Bridge to be repaired.*}

he is hereby, appointed to repair *Pawtucket Bridge*. That he be empowered to draw out of the General Treasury, the Sum of thirty-six Pounds, lawful Money, for that Purpose: And when said Work is done, that he lay his Accounts before this Assembly.

B. Waite allowed £. 2.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for going Express with the Acts of Assembly for preventing Monopoly, &c. to the several Town-Clerks in *King's-County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Beriah Waite*, out of the General Treasury.

N. Miller to draw Money to pay the Bounties of two Soldiers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Nathan Miller* be empowered to draw eighty-eight Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, to pay the Bounties of two Soldiers enlisted by the Town of *Warren* into the Continental Battalions raising within this State.

E. Bacon allowed £. 1 11 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *Elijah Bacon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going on Express to *Taunton* and *Dighton*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, eleven Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid the said *Elijah Bacon*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Ford allowed £. 8 1 10.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Ford* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Continent, for keeping a Soldier, belonging to one of the Continental Battalions, who fell Sick at his House, when the Troops were on their March from *Boston* to *New-York* in *June* last, and for Necessaries provided, and Nursing and attending him during his Sickness: And the said Account having been duly examined by Messrs. *Nathaniel Mumford* and *Thomas Greene*, who reported that eight Pounds, one Shilling, and ten Pence, lawful Money, and no more, be allowed on said Account: Which being considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *William Ford*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Manning allowed £. 18.

WHEREAS the Soldiers about the Middle of *December* last, when no Wood was to be had, made Use of a large Quantity of Posts, Rails and Stakes, belonging to the Reverend Mr. *James Manning*, for Fuel, equal to fifteen Cords of Wood: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith*, as one of the Committee of Safety, pay to the said Mr. *Manning* as much

much Money as would then purchase fifteen Cords of Fire-wood.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Wheaton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in going Express to carry the Acts of this Assembly to sundry Towns in the County of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *William Wheaton*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Wheaton allowed £. 2 8.

WHEREAS Doct. *Jonathan Arnold* laid before this Assembly a Receipt for a Quantity of Medicines and Sulphur, purchased of Mr. *John Brown*, for the Use of this State, by Order of the Council of War, and by him received of said *Brown* for the Use of said State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That eight Hundred and forty-five Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount of said Medicines and Sulphur, be paid unto the said *John Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Brown allowed £. 845 2.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Samuel Haley* be, and he is hereby, permitted to carry a Barrel of Sugar, from the Town of *Providence*, to the State of *Connecticut*, for the Use of his Family who have lately removed from this State.

S. Haley permitted to carry a Barrel of Sugar to *Connecticut*.

WHEREAS Col. *George Irish* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he conceives his being confined, and restrained of his Liberty, is a Grievance, and great Damage to him and to the Public; he being conscious that he ever was, and still is, a Friend to his native Country, and at all Times ready and willing to give his Assistance for the Defence of it: And that he conceives nothing has appeared against him, if taken in the most unfavourable Light, sufficient to continue his Confinement, although it might be thought expedient when done: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take his distressed Situation into Consideration, and grant him his Liberty.

G. Irish's Petition.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be granted, upon his the said *George Irish* giving his Parole that he will not go off the Main Land, without Leave from his Honor the Governor or the Council of War.

WHEREAS Major *Simeon Thayer*, who was appointed to bring Mr. *Royzel Smith* before this Assembly, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, written upon a Copy of his Appointment, to wit:

S. Thayer's Report accepted, and *R. Smith* to account for the Monies he has received.

PURSUANT to the Resolution of the General Assembly, I proceeded to the Town of *Hopkinton*, the usual Place of the said *Royzel Smith's* Abode, the said *Smith* being Absent and gone to *Stonington*, to which Place I proceeded and found him, and have him now in Custody. He saith he is ready now to account for his Conduct, before the General Assembly, or the Council of War, or any Committee that shall be appointed for that Purpose.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the said *Royzel Smith* settle with *Charles Holden*, Paymaster to one of the Continental Battalions raising within this State, for the Money received of him for recruiting said Battalion, and with Mr. *John Smith* for the Money received of him for recruiting in the fifteen Months Service.

J. Robinson allowed £. 1 10.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Robinson*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for victualling a Number of Soldiers, of Capt. *Thompson's* Company, in the Service of said State : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *John Robinson*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

P. Phillips to draw £. 500.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be empowered to draw five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, to discharge the Rations, Mileage, &c. of the Soldiers ; the said *Peter Phillips* to return the same on Demand.

J. Streeter's Petition granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Streeter* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in the Year 1755 he was convicted of uttering counterfeit Paper Money, his whole Estate taken from him as forfeit, and suffered the ignominious Punishments which the Law directs : That soon afterwards he entered into the Army, in which Service he sustained a Commission : That he hath, by Industry, not only maintained a considerable Family, but procured a real Estate ; that, without the least Extenuation of the Crime of which he was convicted, he begs Leave to say that it was not attended with such Aggravations as in many other Cases : That he most cheerfully would submit the general Tenor of his Conduct since, to all his Neighbours, and such as have had an Opportunity of knowing his Behaviour : That, by means of the Sentence against him, he is cast under Disabilities and Discouragements : That he is now in the Army, and would be glad, as he hath had military Experience, that no infamous Things stood in the Way of any laudable Ambition in the Service : And that he cannot but hope that upon Consideration of his Punishments,

Punishments, and a Penance of twenty-two Years, he may be restored to every Privilege which attends other Men, especially when it shall be further noticed that he pays Rates and Taxes, performs every Duty of a Member of an Independent State, hath taken the Test; and is now in actual Service, for the Vindication of our public Rights, against the Invasions of that King under whose Reign he suffered:

AND thereupon the said *Joseph Streeter* prayed that he might be restored to every Privilege, which by Law he might have had, in Case he had never been convicted as aforesaid, or Sentence passed upon him, and that every Difficulty arising therefrom be removed.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Waterman* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding nine Prisoners of War, who were placed with him by the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being forty-two Pounds, eight Shillings, and eight Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Waterman*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Waterman
allowed L. 42
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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Council of War be, and they are hereby, empowered, in the Recess of the General Assembly, to pass and allow such Accounts, as may be produced to them for Payment, as appear reasonable; such Accounts first passing the standing Committee, or either of them, and being certified in the usual Manner previous to their Allowance.

Council of War
to pass Ac-
counts.

WHEREAS in Pursuance of a Motion made by Col. *Henry Babcock*, at the second December Session, A. D. 1776, certain Actions brought by Col. *George Irish*, against the said *Henry*, and pending at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of *Providence*, were ordered to be continued till the further Orders of this Assembly; the said *George Irish* being then on the Island of *Rhode-Island*: And whereas the said *George Irish* hath since left said Island, and hath requested that said Actions may be no longer continued: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Actions be no longer suspended; and that they be heard, tried and determined, at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at *Providence*, on the third Monday of *August* next, by Adjournment, in the same Manner as though the same had not been suspended; and that the said Col. *Henry Babcock* be served with a Copy of this Resolve, ten Days before the Sitting of said Court.

G. Irish permitted
to prosecute
Actions against
H. Babcock.

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T. Crab and Doct. Tappen permitted to carry *West-India* Goods through this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Thomas Crab* and *Doct. Tappen* be, and they are hereby, permitted with their Teams, containing thirty Hogsheads of Rum, thirty Hogsheads of Sugar, one Cask of Jesuits Bark, and two Boxes of Medicine, which were purchased in the State of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, for the Use of the Continental Army, to pass through this State, into the State of *Connecticut*, unmolested; any Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Sugar to be retained for the Use of the Troops.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sugar now in the Possession of this State, late belonging to Messrs. *George Gibbs* and *Francis Brinley*, be retained for the Use of the Troops raised by this State.

Sugars belonging to *Mr. Halflead* to be removed to *Johnston*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Joseph Lawrence* be permitted to remove fifteen Hogsheads of brown, and six of loaf Sugar, in his Possession, belonging to *Mr. Halflead*, to the Town of *Johnston*.

Report of the Committee, upon the State of the Treasury.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Jenckes* and *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esq; who with *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; were appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the Treasury, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, charged by *Mr. John Jenckes* against the State, to wit :

1777.
June.

Dr. THE State of the Treasury.

To Cash in the Hands of <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; General Treasurer,	£. 39284	16	1
To ditto, ditto,	300	0	0
To Amount of sundry Charges in Alphabet, made since the Settlement,	2788	10	0
To Cash paid <i>John Smith</i> , <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> , <i>John Cook</i> , and <i>Henry Ward</i> , since,	5204	16	0
To <i>Nathan Barber's</i> Mortgage,	300	0	0
To <i>Thomas Clarke's</i> Note,	113	12	5
To <i>Abraham Wilcox's</i> Note,	16	4	4
To Amount of Old Tenor Notes paid off,	283	16	9
To short received of Tax of Town of <i>New-</i> <i>port</i> ,	67	10	10
To ditto, ditto, <i>Johnston</i> ,	7	1	2
	48366	7	7
The Sum short is	2278	15	6
	£. 50645	3	1

Creditor,

By Cash received of sundry Persons, since
the last Settlement,

£. 1568 0 0
By

By Balance which appears to be due by the
last Settlement, made *June 11th*, 1777,

49077	3	1
£. 50645	3	1

The Mistake is supposed in *John Smith's*

Account of Notes registered, and not charged, £. 1960 0 0
The Old Tenor supposed to make up, 318 15 6

£. 2278	15	6
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The above Balance brought down,

£. 2278	15	6
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AGREEABLE to the Orders of the Honorable Assembly we present the above State of the Treasury, by which it appears that there is short of the Balance, which we found due to the State, the Sum of Two Thousand, Two Hundred, and seventy-eight Pounds, fifteen Shillings, and six Pence, Part of which Sum appears to be a Mistake in not charging Mr. *John Smith* the Sum of One Thousand, Nine Hundred, and sixty Pounds, as per Register-Book of the Notes drawn in his Name, which being compared with Mr. *Smith's* Account, in the Treasurer's Book, does not appear to be charged to him.—
The remaining Sum of Three Hundred and eighteen Pounds, fifteen Shillings, and six Pence, we suppose to be in the Old Tenor, which the Treasurer has not yet settled with his Agents in the several Counties in the State, therefore we cannot ascertain that Sum.

Providence, June 21st, 1777.

John Jenckes,
Nathaniel Mumford,
Thomas Greene.

STATE of *Rhode-Island*;

Dr.

To 7 Days of *John Jenckes*, in settling Treasurer's Accounts, at 12/.

£. 4	4	0
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To 1 Day of ditto in getting State of the Treasury,

0	12	0
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£. 4	16	0
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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; that the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Jenckes*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS the Council of War did, heretofore (in the Re-
cesses of this Assembly) appoint Messrs. *Ambrose Page* and *John Jenckes* to settle and adjust the Accounts of *William Waterman*, late Master of the Sloop *Diamond*, respecting the Voyage made by said *Waterman*, upon the State's Account, to the *West-Indies*: And they not having done the same; and the said Mr.

Committee to settle *W. Waterman's* Accounts.

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Page being removed into the Country, from the Town of *Providence*, It is Voted and Resolved, That *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed (in the stead of Mr. *Page*) to settle and adjust said Accounts; and that said Messrs. *Thompson* and *Jenckes* do immediately settle and adjust the Accounts aforesaid, and make Report, as soon as may be, to this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, to the Council of War.

P. Tew allowed
£. 32 4 4.

WHEREAS *Paul Tew*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House, for Wood and Candles provided, for attending on the Assembly and Courts, and divers other Services: And the said Account having been duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being thirty-two Pounds, four Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Arnold to receive from the late, and deliver to the present Sheriff, a Box of Glafs, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Doct. *Jonathan Arnold* be appointed to receive of *Paul Tew*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, a Box of Glafs belonging to this State, and the Schedules belonging to said Office, and that he deliver the same to *Martin Seamans*, Esq; the present Sheriff for said County, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

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Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses in a Grand Committee made Choice of the following Officers, to wit:

Paul Mumford, Esq; fifth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and throughout the State, in the Room of *Perez Richmond*, Esq; who hath resigned.

Samuel Chace, Esq; first Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Providence*.

Anthony Low, Esq; fifth Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*.

Preserved Pearce, Esq; Justice of the Peace for the Town of *East-Greenwich*, in the Room of *James Searle*, who declines serving.

Benjamin Slack,
Jeremiah Angell,
Peleg Fiske,
John Westcoat,
Silas Burlingham,
Thomas Hill, Esqrs;

} Justices of the Peace for the
Town of *Scituate*.

Josiah Finney,
Benjamin Bosworth,
John Howland, jun. Esqrs;

} Justices of the Peace for the
Town of *Bristol*.

Simeon Clark, jun. Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the
Town of *Richmond*. *John*

Eleazer Whipple, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *North-Providence*.

John Handy, Brigade-Major in the fifteen Months-Brigade, raising by this State.

Simeon Martin, Adjutant of Col. *Crary's* Regiment.

Jonathan Hayes, second Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Jabez West-*
Samuel Snow, third Lieutenant, } coat's Company.

Amos Jilson, Captain-Lieutenant, }
Uriah Westcoat, first Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Gideon West-*
Isaac Pitman, second Lieutenant, } coat's Company.

William Badger, third Lieutenant, }
William Nightingale, first Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Garzia's*
William Page, second Lieutenant, } Company.

Joseph West, third Lieutenant, }
John Baker, first Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Adams's* Com-
Christopher Robinson, 2d. Lieutenant, } pany.

Squire How, third Lieutenant, }

Ebenezer Spencer, Esq; Major of the first Regiment of Militia, for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; who resigns.

William Hall, Captain, } of the first Company of Militia in *East-Greenwich*.
John Shaw, Lieutenant, }

Gideon Harris, Ensign of the third Company of Militia, in the Town of *Scituate*, in the Room of *Samuel Angel*, who declines.

John Eddy, Captain, } of the first Company of Militia in the Town of *Gloucester*.
Stephen Olney, Lieutenant, }
Joseph Bowen, Ensign, }

Joseph Mauran, Captain of the Row-Galley *Washington*.

IN Council was read the Return of *Joseph Hawkins*, jun. being appointed Ensign of the Company of *North-Providence* Rangers.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Choice be, and hereby is, approved.

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An ACT establishing and regulating FEES.

Act establishing a new Table of Fees.

IT is Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That the Establishment of the Fees of the several Officers in this State, and for the Services herein after mentioned, be as follow, to wit :

The Secretary shall be allowed,

For engrossing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, to be paid out of the General Treasury, each

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For each Commission to the civil and military Officers, to be paid out of the General Treasury,

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For every Special Warrant or Mittimus, by Order of the Governor and Council,	£	0	1	6
For every Bond,	0	1	0	
For every Order of Council, to the Benefit of particular Persons,	0	0	8	
For every Petition to the Governor and Council, or General Assembly,	0	1	0	
And where there is an adverse Party,	0	1	6	
For transcribing the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly into a Book, for every lawful Page, i. e. containing 25 Lines in a Page, and 8 Words in a Line,	0	1	4	
For copying each Page,	0	0	9	
For Attendance on the General Assembly, by the Day,	0	12	0	
For affixing the State's Seal to any Commission, or other Writing, for the State,	0	1	0	
For entering a Protest in Court,	0	1	0	
For proclaiming the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly,	0	3	0	
For every Page of the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, sent out in Print,	0	0	0½	
For making a Certificate, and affixing the State's Seal to any Writing to be sent Abroad, wherein the State is not concerned,	0	6	0	

The Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, shall be allowed,

For the Entry of every Action for Trial,	0	18	0	
For taking every Special Bail,	0	1	6	
For allowing every Writ,	0	1	6	
For Confession of Judgment,	0	1	0	
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment on Record,	0	1	0	
For all Criminal Cases, where a Fine is set,	0	3	0	
For allowing every Bill of Cost,	0	1	0	
For attending Special Courts, by the Day, in Criminal Cases, to be paid out of the General Treasury,	0	9	0	

The Clerks of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, shall be allowed,

For the Entry of every Action or Case,	0	1	6	
For filing every Reason of Appeal, Petition, Answer, Motion or Objection,	0	0	6	
For entering Judgment on every Motion or Objection,	0	0	9	
For copying every lawful Page,	0	0	9	
For every Action called,	0	0	6	
For a Feire-facias and Seal,	0	2	0	
For drawing and recording final Judgment,	0	3	0	

For

For Swearing every Witness,	£	0	0	3
For a Writ of Execution,		0	2	0
For Writing Evidences, if not above one Page,		0	1	6
For every Page more than one,		0	0	9
For entering a Rule of Court,		0	0	9
For a Writ to Referrees, and copying Rule of Court,		0	2	0
For acquittal of Felony, on Suspicion thereof,		0	0	6
For every Bond drawn and filed,		0	1	6
For filing every Bond,		0	0	6
For entering Traverse upon Indictment,		0	0	6
For filing an Inventory of Goods, taken by Execution,		0	0	4
For every Person summoned,		0	0	4
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,		0	0	2
For withdrawing an Action,		0	0	9
For the Discharge of every Person upon Bail to the Peace, and so forth,		0	1	0
For every Petition read in Court,		0	0	9
For Order on every Petition,		0	0	6
For every Citation or Notification,		0	1	2
For examining every Bill of Cost,		0	0	6
For searching the Records,		0	1	0
If above one Hour, for every Hour after,		0	0	6
For attending the Court by the Day,		0	4	0
For a Writ of Review,		0	3	0
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,		0	0	8
For a Venire facius and Seal,		0	1	0
For a Habeas Corpus,		0	1	0
For a Return of every Execution,		0	0	4
For a Mittimus for Commitment,		0	1	0

The Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas shall be allowed,

For entering every Action,		0	3	0
For taking every Special Bail,		0	0	8
For Confession of Judgment,		0	0	6
For taxing every Bill of Cost,		0	0	3
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,		0	0	4
For every Special Court called, if the Justices meet, whether the Action be entered or not,		1	0	0

The Clerks of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas shall be allowed,

For every Writ and Seal,		0	0	9
For entering every Action,		0	0	6
For drawing and recording final Judgment,		0	1	4
For copying every lawful Page,		0	0	9
For every Action withdrawn or nonsuit,		0	0	4
For every Execution,		0	1	6
For filing every Declaration, Answer, Reason of Appeal, Motion, Objection or Plea,		0	0	4
For Judgment on the same,		0	0	4

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For

For every Action called in Court,	£	0	0	4
For entering <i>hihil dicet</i> ,		0	0	4
For entering Rule of Court to Referrees or Auditors,		0	0	6
For writ and copying Rule,		0	1	6
For every Bond in the Clerk's Office,		0	0	6
And where the Attorney becomes bound, the same Fee.				
For every Person summoned,		0	0	3
For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,		0	0	1½
For searching the Records, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court.				
For Return of every Execution,		0	0	2
For examining every Bill of Cost,		0	0	3
For Swearing every Witness,		0	0	2
For Writing Evidences, if not above one Page,		0	1	0
If above one Page, the same as copying.				
For entering Appearance,		0	0	3
For attending the Court by the Day,		0	2	0
For recording Deputation from the Sheriff,		0	1	6
For recording Revocation of the same,		0	1	0
For Summons for Vouchers,		0	1	6
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record,		0	0	6

The Clerk of the General Sessions of the Peace shall be allowed,

For entering Complaint upon Indictment,		0	0	8
For drawing and filing Recognizance,		0	1	4
For filing Recognizance if drawn,		0	0	4
For the Discharge of every Recognizance,		0	0	6
For making out a Process against Criminals, each,		0	1	6
For Warrant for the Peace of good Behaviour,		0	1	6
For acquittal of Felony, on Suspicion thereof,		0	0	6
In all other Respects, the same as the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.				

The Attorney-General shall be allowed,

For every Bill of Indictment drawn and found by the Grand Jury,		0	12	0
For every Bill of Indictment drawn and passed by the Court, if not found by the Grand Jury,		0	3	0
For every Criminal executed to Death,		1	0	0
For discharging every Person upon Bond to the Peace,		0	2	0
For every Day's Attendance upon the General Assembly and Courts, to be proved by a Certificate from the Clerks, to be paid out of the General Treasury,		0	9	0
For appearing and pleading for the State on an Appeal,		0	9	0

Other Fees allowed in Court,

For Attorney's and Council's Fees,		0	7	6
				For

For drawing a Bill of Cost,	£. 0	0	3
For every Person discharged from Bail to the State, to the Serjeant,	0	0	3
For every Witness summoned, his Attendance by the Day,	0	3	0
And Travel per Mile,	0	0	4
For every Action called, to the Serjeant,	0	0	2
For the Jury, to be paid down by the Plaintiff or Appellant,	0	18	0
For Attendance of the Party recovering Judgment by the Day,	0	0	9
And but two Day's Attendance to be allowed in a common Defaulter.			
For a Power of Attorney, and Probate of the same,	0	1	4
For Travel of the Party recovering Judgment per Mile,	0	0	2
For annexing Account to the Declaration or Answer,	0	0	2
In all Actions for the State's tenths, and interest Bonds, half so much as in other Cases, except the Sheriff's Fees, which shall be the same as in other Actions.			
For Attendance of each Grand Juror per Day,	0	4	6

The Sheriff shall be allowed,

For serving a Writ, if not above a Mile from the Court-house, or Place of Appearance,	0	0	8
If above one Mile, for every Mile Travel out, And the same back.	0	0	2
For attending a Prisoner before Commitment, by the Day (and not more than three Day's Attendance shall be allowed)	0	1	0
For Copy of a Writ,	0	0	6
For attending the General Assembly and Courts by the Day,	0	6	0
For a bail Bond in civil Actions,	0	0	9
For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	0	0	9
For discharging the same,	0	0	9
For serving all Executions not exceeding twenty Shillings,	0	2	6
If above twenty, and not exceeding forty Shillings,	0	3	9
If above forty Shillings, & not exceeding five Pounds,	0	4	6
If above five, and not exceeding ten Pounds.	0	6	0
If above ten, and not exceeding twenty Pounds,	0	7	9
If above twenty, and not exceeding thirty Pounds.	0	10	0
For all Executions above thirty Pounds, four Pence upon the Pound.			
And none of the lesser Sums to be included in the greater.			
For travelling Fees to serve Executions, the same as to serve Writs.			
For turning the Key on every Prisoner committed,	0	0	3
For			

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For discharging every Person upon Bail to the Governor and Company, £ 0 1 0

Whenever any Officer shall levy an Execution or Order for Sale upon real or personal Estate, he shall be entitled to and receive, if under one hundred and twenty Pounds, two and an Half per Cent. and if above one hundred and twenty Pounds, one and an Half per Cent. for Venduing the same.

For serving a Writ or Execution returnable out of the County where the same is served, the same Travel per Mile as if they were returnable to the County where served.

For serving a Summons, if not above a Mile from the Court-house, or Place of Appearance, 0 0 4

If above one Mile, the same as for serving Writs.

For every Judgment obtained in the Superior or Inferior Courts, 0 1 6

Justices of the Peace and Wardens shall be allowed,

For a Writ of Arrest or Summons in civil Actions, 0 0 9

For the entry of every Action, 0 0 4

For every Summons for a Witness, 0 0 3

For annexing an Account, 0 0 3

For administering an Oath or Engagement, 0 0 3

For Writing an Evidence, not exceeding a lawful Page, 0 0 9

And in Proportion if more than a Page.

For Judgment, 0 2 0

For recording ditto, 0 0 9

For Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour, 0 1 0

For an appeal Bond, 0 0 8

For a Writ of Execution, 0 0 9

For a Recognizance other than to the Peace or good Behaviour, 0 0 9

For the Copy of a Case, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court.

For taking the Acknowledgment of any Instrument, 0 0 8

For marrying Persons, 0 4 6

For recording Confession of Judgment, 0 0 8

Town-Council shall be allowed for Probate of Wills, &c.

For the Probate of a Will, where the Inventory doth not exceed five Pounds, 0 1 6

For every five Pounds, above the said five Pounds, to the Town-Council, 0 0 5

For the Probate of an Inventory where no Will appears, and where the Inventory exceeds not five Pounds, 0 1 6

If above five Pounds, and not exceeding one Thousand Pounds, for every five Pounds more, 0 0 5
And

And for all Sums more than one Thousand Pounds
one eighth per Cent.

Town Clerks and Clerks of the Town Council shall be allowed,

For entering a Caveat against the Probate of Wills or granting Letters of Administration,	£. 0 0 9
For taking Bond and granting Administration under the Seal of the Town Council,	0 3 0
For registering and copying for every lawful Page,	0 0 8
For every Citation and Summons,	0 0 3
For a Bond and granting Licence under the Town- Council's Seal,	0 2 0
For a Bond of every Person who comes to dwell in the Town,	0 0 8
For recording every Marriage, Birth, or Death,	0 0 3

Notary Public shall be allowed,

For drawing a Protest, Swearing the Witnesses, re- gistering. &c.	0 9 0
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*The Coroner for taking an Inquisition upon a dead Body shall be
allowed,*

For taking every Inquisition,	0 4 6
Besides the above Fee three Shillings for each Day for every Inquisition by him taken.	
Each Juror shall be allowed by the Day,	0 2 6

Town Serjeants and Constables shall be allowed,

For serving every Warrant, if not above one Mile from the Place where the Court is to be held,	0 0 6
If above one Mile, for every Mile out the same as the Sheriff.	
For bail Bond in civil Actions,	0 0 4
For a Copy of a Warrant,	0 1 0
For serving a Summons and Travel, the same as the Sheriff	
For Attendance on a Justices Court by the Day,	0 2 0
For Attendance on the General Assembly per Day,	0 5 0
Waiters shall be allowed the same Fees for Attend- ance upon the General Assembly as Town-Ser- jeants and Constables.	

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That this
Table of Fees shall be, and continue in Force, until after the
Rising of the next Session of the General Assembly ; and that
the Secretary transmit Copies hereof to the several Town-
Clerks and Clerks of the Superior Courts, within this State.*

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WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Mumford presented unto this
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State,
for his Services as one of the standing Committee of Audit, in
settling

N. Mumford
allowed £. 12
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settling and adjusting the Accounts of the General Treasurer, and divers other Accounts, and for attending on this Assembly at the last and present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being twelve Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

W Channing allowed £. 4.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences in attending on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Assistant-Clerk of the Lower-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that four Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Channing*, out of the General Treasury.

J Lyndon allowed £. 4 7 2.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences in attending on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof being four Pounds, seven Shillings, and two Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General Treasury.

T Greene allowed £. 13 16.

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services as one of the standing Committee of Audit, in settling and adjusting the Accounts of the General Treasurer, and a Number of other Accounts, and for attending on this Assembly at the last and the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that thirteen Pounds, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT in Addition to, and Amendment of, an Act entitled, " An Act empowering the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and for this State, to meet and hold a Special Court for the Trial of Offenders against the *United States* in general, or this State in particular."

Jurors to be drawn for the Superior Court specially to be holden in *Providence*.

WHEREAS in and by said Act the Justices of said Court were empowered to impanel Special Jurors, by Writ of *Venire facias*, for the Trial of all Offenders against the *United States* in general, or this State in particular, which is contrary to the ancient Laws, Usages and Customs, of this State.

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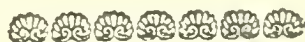
AND whereas said Court is adjourned to the second *Monday* of *July* next, then to be held at said *Providence*.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That Grand and Petit Jurors to serve at said Superior Court, to be held at said *Providence*, on the second *Monday* of *July* next, be drawn by the several Towns within the County of *Providence*, agreeable to an Act directing the Method of choosing and regulating the Appearance and Attendance of Grand and Petit Jurors at the several Courts within this State ; the Names of the Persons who have not subscribed the Test or Declaration ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State, being first taken out of the Box ; and that the Persons who shall be drawn as aforesaid, the Town-Clerk and the other Officers, be subject to the Penalties for Delinquency as is by said Act directed : And the Town-Clerks of the said Towns are directed to issue their Warrants and call Town-Meetings within their respecting Towns, for the Purpose aforesaid, four Days at least before the Sitting of said Court.

AND be it further Enacted, That if a sufficient Number of Jurors do not attend said Court, or are challenged and taken off ; in such Case the said Court be, and hereby is, empowered to grant a Writ of *Venire facias* to the Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, to return such a Number of good and lawful Men as shall be wanting from any Part of the County, to serve as long as the Court shall have Occasion for them, who are to be under the same Fine for Delinquency, as such as are drawn out of the Box.

AND be it further Enacted, That so much of the said Act as empowers the Justices of said special Superior Court to impanel Special Juries, by Writs of *Venire facias*, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

AND be it further Enacted, That a Copy of this Act be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks within the County of *Providence*.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Act laying an Embargo on Vessels within this State be, and the same is hereby, repealed : *Provided nevertheless,* That no Rum, Sugar, Molasses, Cotton-Wool, Coffee, tann'd Leather, Sheep's Wool, Sheep, Butter and Cheese, or any such other Articles as are prohibited by Congress from being exported, shall be carried out of this State, in any Vessel, under any Pretence whatever, unless a Permit therefor shall be granted by this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, by the Council of War, That if any Person shall be convicted of having carried, or attempted to carry, out of this State,

Act laying an Embargo on Vessels repealed.

State, any of the aforementioned Articles, he shall forfeit the Articles so carried, or attempted to be carried, out of this State ; one Half thereof to the Prosecutor, and the other Half to and for the Use of this State ; to be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or Information.

Small Arms to be delivered for the Use of Brigade. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Small-Arms heretofore purchased by this State, for such Persons as should be adjudged unable to furnish themselves therewith, be delivered to the Committees of Safety, for the Use of the fifteen Months Battalions, and Train of Artillery, raising within this State.

Additional Bounty for the fifteen Months Brigade continued. *WHEREAS* an additional Bounty of six Pounds. lawful Money, was allowed at the last Session of this Assembly, to each Non commissioned Officer and Private who should enlist into the fifteen Months Brigade raising by this State, before the tenth Day of *June* instant ; which Time hath elapsed ; and whereas the said Brigade is not as yet filled : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That said additional Bounty of six Pounds be allowed to each Non-commissioned Officer and Private, who shall enlist into the said Brigade, within twenty Days from and after the Rising of this Assembly.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That no Person appointed an Officer in the said Brigade, at this Assembly, be commissioned, or be entitled to Pay or Rations as an Officer, until he shall have enlisted the Number of Men according to his Rank, as hereafter mentioned, within twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, *to wit :* A Captain, twenty Men, a first Lieutenant, sixteen Men, a second Lieutenant, twelve Men, and an Ensign, ten Men, and make Return thereof to the Council of War, or, if sitting, to this Assembly : And upon making such Return, that he shall be commissioned, and entitled to Pay and Rations, from the Time of his Appointment.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy hereof be forthwith transmitted to each of the Colonels in the said Brigade.

Council of War to fit out Vessels. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That five Vessels be immediately purchased in Behalf of this State ; that two of them be fitted out as armed Vessels to cruize against the Enemies of the *United States* ; and three as Merchantmen, to import such Articles as the Council of War shall direct : That the said Council of War be empowered to appoint a Committee, to purchase and fit out said Vessels ; that the same be done under their Direction and Inspection as soon as may be : And that said Committee be allowed such Commissions as the said Council of War shall agree on, not exceeding two and one Half per Cent. for transacting the Business.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That one Hundred Pounds be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to the Hon^{ble} *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; Governor of this State, for his Salary and extraordinary Services the last Year. Salary of £. 100 allowed to the Governor.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That fifty Pounds per Year be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; Deputy-Governor, for his Salary and extraordinary Services, from the ninth Day of *October*; Fifty Pounds per Year allowed as a Salary to the Deputy-Governor.
A. D. 1775, until the General Election in *May* last.

WHEREAS the Committee, who were appointed to prepare the Draught of a Letter to the Delegates of this State in Congress, laid before this Assembly a Draught of said Letter : Draught of a Letter to the Delegates, approved. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, approved ; and that a fair Copy thereof be made, signed by his Honor the Governor, and immediately forwarded.

WHEREAS Col. *James Babcock*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Providence*, to bring the Money allowed the Town of *Westerly* for recruiting the Continental Battalions : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed : and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, lawful Money, be paid the said *James Babcock*, jun. out of the General Treasury. J. Babcock, jun. allowed £. 3.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Edward Wells* be empowered to procure Persons to repair the Guns in the Town of *Hopkinton*, belonging to this State, as soon as may be ; and that he lay his Account for the same before this Assembly for Payment. E. Wells to procure the State's Guns to be repaired.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Wells*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw three Hundred and seventy-two Pounds, lawful Money ; and that *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw four Hundred and sixty-eight Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, being the Bounty allowed to the Soldiers who shall enlist into the fifteen Months Battalions, and Train of Artillery, and who are proportioned to the Towns of *Hopkinton* and *Westerly*. T. Wells and J. Babcock to draw Money out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Northup*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be empowered to draw five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury. J. Northup to draw £. 500 out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Cromel Child* deliver to Capt. *Caleb Carr* six of the Blankets procured by him, in Part of the Number heretofore ordered to be furnished by the Town of *Warren*. C. Child to deliver Blankets to Capt. Carr.
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Storekeepers
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ions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Charles Holden, jun. and Jonathan Hazard, Paymasters to the two Battalions raising by this State, for the Continental Service, be, and they are hereby, appointed Storekeepers for their respective Battalions, to receive and sell out to the Officers and Soldiers thereof such Articles of Supply as may be furnished by this State, at the stated Prices and Cost of Transportation : That they account for whatever Articles they shall receive, to this State, from Time to Time, when demanded : And that, for their Care and Trouble in this Behalf, they be allowed each six Pounds per Month, and two Rations per Day.

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ered to choose
Committees to
carry the Act
against Mono-
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WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, for preventing Monopoly and Oppression, the several Towns within this State were directed to appoint three, five, or seven Persons, within their respective Towns, before the tenth Day of June instant, who were to be under Oath to prosecute all Breaches of said Act which should come to their Knowledge : And whereas many Towns did not appoint said Persons until after said Time had elapsed, and others have not yet appointed Persons agreeable to said Act : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons who have been elected and sworn for the Purposes mentioned in said Act, since said Time hath elapsed, be empowered to execute the Office to which they are appointed, agreeable to said Act : And the Towns who have not elected the Persons agreeable to said Act, are directed and empowered to elect said Persons for the Purposes therein mentioned, within five Days after the Rising of this Assembly, upon the Penalty of two Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, to be recovered for the Use of this State, by the General Treasurer thereof, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State. Any Thing in said Act, to the Contrary, notwithstanding.

Officers conti-
nued.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Persons to Offices which ought to have been filled up at the two last Sessions, or at the present Session, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next ; and that in the mean Time the Persons sustaining such Offices, continue to discharge the Duties of them, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.

Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in Providence, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in the respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby, adjourned

June, 1777.

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adjourned to the Third Monday in September next, then to meet in the Town of Providence.

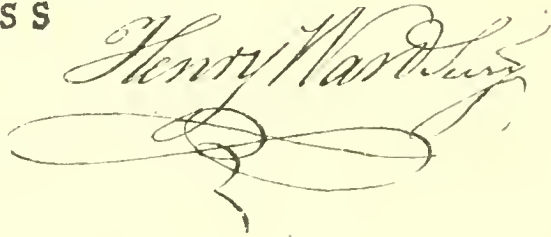
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Ward", with a large, decorative flourish underneath.

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July, 1777.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor) at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Monday* the Seventh Day of *July*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T.

His Excellency

Nicholas Cooke, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN TANNER, Esq;

EBENEZER THOMPSON. Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

DANIEL CAHOON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD. Esq;

WILLIAM WEST, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

PARDON GRAY, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

July, 1777.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq;*
 Christopher Ellery, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Rumrell.
Mr. William Borden.

PROVIDENCE:

Jonathan Arnold, *Esq;*
Mr. John Brown,
Mr. John Smith,
Mr. William Rhodes.

PORTSMOUTH:

None.

WARWICK:

James Rhodes, *Esq;*
Col. Benjamin Arnold,
Mr. Thomas Rice, *jun.*

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, *Esq;*
 James Babcock, *Esq;*

NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq;*
Major Sylvester Gardner

SOUTH KINGSTOWN

Immanuel Cafe, *Esq;*
Mr. Enoch Hafzard.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq;*

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq;*
Mr. Ezekiel Angell.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, *Esq;*
 Timothy Hopkins, *Esq;*

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. John Smith, *jun.*
Mr. Stephen Winfor.

CHARLESTOWN:

Col. Gideon Hoxfie.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*
Mr. Elisha Greene.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Ephraim Westcot.

EXETER:

John Chapman, *Esq;*
 Daniel Sunderland, *Esq;*

MIDDLETOWN:

None.

BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, *Esq;*
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

Capt. Isaac Manchester,
 William Cooke, *Esq;*

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, *jun.* *Esq;*
 Aaron Wilbour, *Esq;*

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child.

CUMBERLAND:

Thomas Angell, *Esq;*
Col. George Peck.

RICHMOND:

Major Richard Bailey,
 Joseph Woodmansie, *jun.* *Esq;*

CRANSTON:

Col. Christopher Lippitt,
Mr. Nehemiah Rhodes.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *Esq;*

JOHNSTON:

Mr. Noah Mathewson,
Mr. Ebenezer Sprague.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, *Esq;*
 Eslek Hopkins, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON:

Paul Mumford, *Esq;*
 Peleg Heath, *Esq;*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Bennet*, of *New-Providence*, in the County of *Berkshire*, and State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that on or about the Fifth Day of *November*, 1776, he purchased in the Town of *Providence* a Number of Casks of Rum, Sugar and Salt, with some other small Articles, and on his Return home engaged three Teams to transport the said Goods; but through Misfortune one of the Teams failed, and he had only two Loads transported, by which Means one Hogshead of Salt, one Tierce of Sugar, and some small Articles, were left in *Providence* until some Time in the Winter past, when he sent a Team for the remaining Articles, but obtained only the Hogshead of Salt, by reason that his Friend had sent the Sugar and other Articles into the Country for Safety; that he stands in great Need of said Sugar for his own Family's Use, and has procured a Team, which is now waiting to transport the same. And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to remove the same out of this State.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that the Petitioner be permitted to remove the said Tierce of Sugar and other small Articles into the State of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, or any other of the United States, without Molestation.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Isaac Hilyard* be and he is hereby permitted to remove two Hogsheads of Sugar from the Town of *Tiverton* into *Connecticut*, the same having been purchased and brought from the State of *Massachusetts* into this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the standing Committee forthwith make out an Account of the Monies expended for the Use of the Prisoners of War, and of the Sums paid to them by this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof to the Council of War, that the same may be transmitted to the Board of War in *Philadelphia*, agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of Safety within this State be and they are hereby empowered and directed, immediately to collect the Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, belonging to this State, and not appropriated to the several Towns, and therewith furnish the Fifteen Months Brigade, raising within this State; and if said Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, should not be sufficient for the Purpose aforesaid, that they collect so many of the Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, appropriated to the several Towns, as shall be necessary for supplying the Deficiency: and the Persons in the several Towns who are possessed of the said appropriated Guns, &c. are directed to deliver the same accordingly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns within this State be and they are hereby permitted to erect Hospitals within their respective Towns, for the Purpose of inoculating for the Small-Pox, under the Regulations and Restrictions contained in an Act heretofore made and passed granting Permission for erecting Hospitals for the Purpose aforesaid.

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Militia Officers appointed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Samuel Keech* be Lieutenant in the Room of *Jesse Smith*, who declines, and *Resolved Smith* be Ensign in the Room of *Amos Smith*, who declines, of the Third Company of Militia of the Town of *Smithfield*, for the Year ensuing.

Officers in the Militia regulated. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That for the future when the Companies of the Militia and Alarm List within this State, or Draughts or Detachments thereof, shall be called out to Duty, and the Number of each Company, Draught or Detachment, shall not exceed Twenty four Rank and File, it shall be in the Power of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment to which they respectively belong, to incorporate them into Companies during the Time of their Service, and direct the Attendance of such commissioned Officers as shall comport with the Number of the Companies so incorporated, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly of the Twentieth of *April* last (allowing where the Case will admit one commissioned Officer at least to each Town) and to dismiss all supernumerary Officers, who may attend with such Draughts, Detachments, or Companies, before they enter on Duty.

H. Ward to proceed to Massachusetts-Bay. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Ward*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to proceed immediately to the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, to represent to the General Assembly of said State the deplorable Condition and Circumstances of this Government, and to urge the most pressing Instances for immediate and effectual Assistance.

C. Holden allowed £ 25 17 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Holden* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash paid to sundry Persons for Victuals, Drink and Horse-keeping, by them supplied to a Company of Volunteers, while apprehending and securing a Number of suspected Persons: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-five Pounds and Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Charles Holden*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Vincent to repair Pawcatuck Bridge. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Vincent*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to repair the Bridge in *Westerly*, dividing between this and the State of *Connecticut*: That he from Time to Time keep in Repair such Part of said Bridge as belongeth to this State to keep up and maintain; and that he make Report thereof to this Assembly.

I. Angell allowed £ 46 s. 9 d. WHEREAS Col. *Israel Angell* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the United States, for transporting a Quantity of Medicines from *Norwalk* to *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds Six Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Israel Angell*, out of the General-Treasury.

I. Hoxford continued Paymaster. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Jonathan Hoxford* be continued Paymaster One Week from the Rising of this Assembly; and that Col. *Gideon Hoxsie* inform him thereof; and also that if he doth not procure sufficient Security for his faithful Performance of said Office within that Time,

Time to the Satisfaction of the Council of War, that another Person will be by said Council appointed Paymaster in his Room.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Charles Holden, who is appointed to dispose of to the Soldiers the Goods forwarded for their Use by this State, be and he is hereby empowered to purchase Scales, Weights, Measures, Paper and Ink, necessary for transacting the Business, at the Expence of this State. C. Holden to purchase Scale, &c.

WHEREAS an Execution issued in Favour of Mr. Cromel Child, against Silas Cooke, of Warwick, from the Clerk's Office of the Inferior Court for the County of Kent, returnable to the said Inferior Court, held on the Third Monday of January, A. D. 1775, was served on the Body of the said Silas Cooke, but the said Silas was sick, and could not be removed to Gaol before the Return of said Execution, whereby the said Cromel hath lost all Benefit thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*. That the Clerk of said Inferior Court be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue an alias Execution on the Judgment on which said Execution issued; and that the same be returnable to the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden in said County of Kent. C. Child to take out an Execution against S. Cooke.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the non-commissioned Officers and Privates in the Train of Artillery, be not permitted in future to enlist into the Continental Battalions, any Resolve to the contrary notwithstanding. Artillery Men not to enlist into any other Corps.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Committee of Three Persons be appointed in Behalf of this State, to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut and New-York, at the Town of Springfield, in the County of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts-Bay, on the Thirtieth Day of this inst. July, in case said Assemblies shall think fit to appoint such Committees, then and there to hold a Conference respecting the State of the Paper Currency of the said States, of the Expediency of calling in the same by Taxes or otherwise, of the most effectual, expeditious and equal Method of doing it, and to consult upon the best Means for preventing the Depreciation and counterfeiting the same; and also to consider what is proper to be done with Respect to the Acts lately made to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, and to confer upon the late Acts for preventing the Transportation by Land of certain Articles from one State to another; and to consider such other Matters as concern the immediate Welfare of said States, and are not repugnant to or interfering with the Powers and Authorities of the Continental Congress; and particularly to consider of and solicit some more sure and effectual Method to keep up a sufficient Army to oppose that Body of the Enemy which is now in Possession of the Island of Rhode-Island; and that they report the Result of their Conference to this General Assembly. Committee to confer with Committees from the other States.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One of the Divisions, consisting of the One Sixth Part of the Independent and Alarm Companies and Militia heretofore draughted, and One Half of a Division, be immediately called upon actual Duty: That the Field-Officers of the several Regiments of Militia, and Commanders of Independent and Alarm Companies, call upon Duty the Division which is next in Order to the Division which last did One Sixth Part of the Militia, &c. to be called forth.

Duty, agreeable to said Draught, and One Half of the next succeeding Division, to be draughted under the Direction of said Field-Officers and Commanders of Companies : That they continue in Service for the Space of Fifteen Days, and be relieved at the Expiration of said Time by the other Half of said Division, and one other Division, in the Order in which said Divisions were drawn, to continue in Service during said Time ; and that the Divisions on actual Duty from Time to Time be relieved and do Duty in Manner as is before directed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That a Bounty of *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed to each non-commissioned Officer and Soldier who hath been draughted, and shall do Duty as aforesaid. *And further*, That all Fines which shall be incurred for Delinquency, after deducting the Costs and Fees for collecting the same, shall be equally divided among the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers doing Duty, who belong to the same Town with the Delinquents who shall neglect to do Duty.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That in case any Officer or Soldier in each Division, who were draughted as aforesaid, shall neglect to appear at Time and Place ordered by his respective superior Officer or Commander, either by himself or a good able-bodied and suitable Person in his Stead, compleatly equipped with Arms and Accoutrements, to enter upon and perform such military Duty as shall be enjoined him, he shall be liable to pay as a Fine for each Day's Neglect the Sum of *Five Shillings* Lawful Money, to be levied and collected by Warrant of Distress, from the Captain or other Commanding Officer of the Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk, unless the Person so deficient shall, before the Expiration of said Fifteen Days, pay to the said Captain or Commanding Officer of said Company to which he belongs, the Fine due for his not appearing as aforesaid.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Commanders of the respective Companies who were draughted as aforesaid, cause their several Companies to be compleatly equipped with Arms, and every other necessary Accoutrement ; and if any in said Company who have been adjudged by the Town-Council in their respective Towns to be unable to furnish themselves therewith, shall appear not duly equipped, the Commanders of said Companies are directed to apply to said Town-Councils, who are hereby empowered and directed to furnish them with Arms and Accoutrements, agreeable to the Resolve of this Assembly.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary immediately transmit Copies hereof to the several Colonels of Militia, and Commanders of Independent and Alarm Companies, within this State.

Officers
chosen.

BOTH Houses in a Grand Committee made Choice of the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; and *Paul Mumford*, Esq; to be a Committee to meet Committees of the other *New-England* States, and *New-York*, at *Springfield*, on the Thirtieth of *July* current.

Abraham Andrews, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Riggs's* Company, in Col. *Crary's* Regiment, in the Room of *Alexander Thomas*, who resigns.

Joseph Chace, Ensign in said Company, in the Room of *Andrews*, advanced.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Joseph Drake*, late of *New-Rochel*, in the State of *New-York*, *J. Drake* permitted to remove Sugars, Esq; represented to this Assembly, that the Day the Enemy took Possession of that Place he was obliged to abandon his House and Stores, with the greatest Part of his Effects, to the Ravages of the Enemy: That in *September* last he purchased in this State about Forty-two Hogsheads of Sugar, in order to carry them into the State of *New-York*, of which for Want of Conveyance he was obliged to leave Twenty-two Hogsheads in *Providence*: That by a late Act, laying a Prohibition upon certain enumerated Articles, he is prevented from the Removal thereof; and that the Sugars aforesaid are intended for the Supply of the Army, and the Inhabitants of the State of *New-York*: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to remove the Sugars aforesaid into the said State of *New-York*.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

WHEREAS Major *Simcon Thayer* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Continent, for the Bounty for inlisting One Hundred and Twenty-seven Men into one of the Continental Battalions, raising within this State: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Simcon Thayer*, out of the General-Treasury. *S. Thayer allowed £ 50 16s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act establishing and regulating Fees, within this State, continue and be in Force until the Rising of this Assembly, at the next Session. *Act establishing Fees continued.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That one Half a Ton of the Iron belonging to this State, be disposed of to Mr. *Cromel Child*, to make a Pan for manufacturing of Salt, the said *Cromel* first giving Bond to the Council of War that he will appropriate the same to the Use aforesaid. *C. Child to be supplied with Half a Ton of Iron.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Smith* deliver to Col. *James Westerly* and *Babcock* Two Hundred Flints, for the Use of the Town of *Westerly*, and Two Hundred Flints to Mr. *Benjamin Tillinghast*, for the Town of *West-Greenwich*. *West-Greenwich to be supplied with Flints.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Smith* deliver to Major *Richard Bailey* Four Hundred Flints, for the Use of the Town of *Richmond*. *Richmond to be supplied with Flints.*

WHEREAS *Pardon Gray*, Esq; Town-Treasurer of *Tiverton*, laid before this Assembly a Return made to him by Capt. *Christopher Manchester* of Twenty-three Men, by him inlisted into the Brigade raising by this State for Fifteen Months, and represented that he hath supplied the said *Christopher Manchester* with *Two Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds* Lawful Money, to pay the Bounties of the aforesaid Men, which appears by said *Manchester's* Receipt for the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Sum of *Two Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *Pardon Gray*, out of the General-Treasury. *P. Gray allowed £ 276.*

THIS

July, 1777.

Acts for im-
pressing Sea-
men repealed.

THIS Assembly having heretofore passed Acts empowering the Officers of the two Continental Frigates in this State to impress Seamen for the said Ships upon an extraordinary Occasion, which hath now ceased: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Acts be and they are hereby repealed.

Sword to be
presented to
Major Tbayer.

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration the great Attention and Affiduity with which *Simcon Thayer*, Esq; hath executed the Office of Major of the Second Continental Battalion raising by this State, and being willing to reward Merit, *Do Resolve*, That *Mr. John Smith*, one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby directed to procure a genteel Silver-hilted Sword, and present the same to the said *Simcon Thayer*, as a Testimony of the Sense this Assembly hath of his Services.

Bounty of £6
continued.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the additional Bounty of *Six Pounds*, allowed to the non-commissioned Officers and Privates, who shall enlist into the Fifteen Months Brigade, raising within this State, before the Eleventh Day of *July* inst. be further continued and allowed to the non-commissioned Officers and Privates who shall enlist into said Brigade before the Twenty-first Day of *July* inst. and that Money in Lieu of the Cloathing be paid to the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who shall hereafter enlist into said Brigade, agreeable to the Appraisement thereof heretofore made.

Adjourn-
ment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in the respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the Third *Monday* of *August* next, then to meet at *Providence*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

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August, 1777.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Monday* the Eighteenth Day of *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency

Nicholas Cooke, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN TANNER, Esq;
EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
WILLIAM WEST, Esq;
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;
PARDON GRAY, Esq;

} Assistants.

Rowse. J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq;*
 Christopher Ellery, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Rumrell,
Mr. William Borden.

PROVIDENCE:

Jonathan Arnold, *Esq;*
Mr. John Brown,
Mr. John Smith,
Mr. William Rhodes.

PORTSMOUTH:

Mr. David Gifford.

WARWICK:

Mr. James Rhodes,
Col. Benjamin Arnold,
Mr. Thomas Rice, *jun.*

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, *Esq;*

NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq;*
Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Immanuel Cafe, *Esq;*
Mr. Enoch Hazzard.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq;*

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq;*
Mr. Ezekiel Angell.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, *Esq;*
 Timothy Hopkins, *Esq;*

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. John Smith, *jun.*
Mr. Stephen Winfor.

CHARLESTOWN:

Gideon Hoxlie, *Esq;*
Mr. Robert Congdon.

WEST-GREENWICH

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*
Mr. Elisha Greene.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Ephraim Westcott,
Mr. John Greene (*Son of Thomas*)

EXETER:

John Chapman, *Esq;*
 Daniel Sunderland, *Esq;*

MIDDLETOWN:

None.

BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, *Esq;*
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

Capt. Isaac Manchester,
 William Cooke, *Esq;*

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, *jun. Esq;*
 Aaron Wilbour, *Esq;*

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,
 Sylvester Child, *Esq;*

CUMBERLAND:

Thomas Angell, *Esq;*

RICHMOND:

Major Richard Bailey,
 Joseph Woodmanfie, *jun. Esq;*

CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, *Esq;*
Mr. Nehemiah Rhodes.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *Esq;*
Mr. Edward Wells.

JOHNSTON:

Noah Mathewson, *Esq;*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, *Esq;*
 Esak Hopkins, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON:

Paul Mumford, *Esq;*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* *Clerk of the Lower House.*

August, 1777.

I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That Mrs. Champlin, Wife of William Champlin, of Newport, be permitted to go to the Island of Conanicut, with her Cloathing, by the Way of North-Kingstown, under the Inspection of the Commanding Officer upon that Post.

Mrs. Champlin permitted to go to Conanicut.

WHEREAS there was a Quantity of Sugar taken into Possession by this State, and secured in a Barn, belonging to the Hon. William Greene, Esq; in the Town of Warwick, in the Possession of Mr. William Bennet, which was ordered by said State to be for the Use of the Continental Troops: This Assembly being informed that said Barn was last Night broke open by some Persons unknown, and Part of said Sugar taken out and carried away: *It is therefore Resolved*, That all Persons within said State are requested to use their best Endeavours to discover the Perpetrator of said Villainy; and that whosoever shall discover the Persons who committed said Crime, so that they may be brought to Justice, shall be entitled to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of Ten Pounds Lawful Money for every Person that shall be convicted of said Crime.

Reward for apprehending the Persons who broke open the Barn of W. Greene.

WHEREAS Capt. Ebenezer Adams represented unto this Assembly, that he lately captured two Small-Arms and Accoutrements, on the Island of Prudence, belonging to a Party of the Enemy, who were taken Prisoners, and prayed the Direction of this Assembly how to dispose of them: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this State give up its Right in the said Arms and Accoutrements to the Persons who took the same, to be divided amongst them at the Discretion of Capt. Adams.

Arms, &c. taken by Capt. Adams to be divided amongst the Captors.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Providence, which was adjourned to this Week, cannot proceed on Business, by Reason of this Assembly, now sitting: And as there is no Vacancy to which said Court can be adjourned before the Sitting of the Superior Court in said County: *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Providence be adjourned to the First Monday of September next: That the Superior Court of Judicature, and Court of Assize, that should by Law have been holden at Providence, on said First Monday of September, be adjourned to the First Monday of November next, then to be holden at said Providence: That all Business lying before said Inferior Court, be heard and determined at the Adjournment: That all Appeals from said Court to the Superior Court be filed, as usual, Ten Days before the Sitting of said Court; and that this Act be published in the Providence Gazette next Saturday, to give Notice to the Jurors, and all Parties concerned, to give their Attendance on said Courts, at the Times of their Adjournment.

Courts in the County of Providence adjourned.

IT is Voted and Resolved; That the Sheriff for the County of Kent forthwith remove the Sugars at the Fulling-Mill, the Property of this State, to the Farm of William Greene, Esq; in Warwick; and that the same be placed with the other Sugars heretofore removed to said Farm, under a sufficient Guard.

Sugars to be removed from the Fulling-Mill.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Town-Council of the Town of East-Greenwich, respecting the Sugar, Coffee and Rum,

taken

Proceedings taken into Custody by the Constable of said Town, said to be the Property of Mr. Robert Stevens, jun. be stayed until further Orders from this Council of Assembly.
East Greenwich
 stayed.

Committee to draft an Act for the better Supply of the Troops.
IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable William Bradford and Stephen Hopkins, Esquires, Henry Ward and Paul Mumford, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draft a Bill for the better Supply of the Troops raised by this State, agreeable to the Recommendation from the Committee lately convened at Springfield, and the former Resolutions of this Assembly; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

G. Greene to draw £ 300 out of the Treasury.
IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Griffin Greene, Paymaster to one of the Continental Battalions, be empowered to draw Three Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for paying the Troops in said Battalion; and that he repay the same whenever he shall have received Money for the Purpose aforesaid, or on Demand.

Officers appointed.
IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Deval be chosen Captain, and Mr. David Gifford Lieutenant, of Major Munro's Company; and that they draw Pay from the Tenth Day of June last, they having been on Duty from that Time.

Sugar to be forwarded to Peck's Kill.
IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Hogsheds of the Sugar at the Fulling-Mill, the Property of this State, be immediately forwarded to Peck's Kill, for the Use of the Troops raised by this State: That the Persons appointed to dispose of the same be empowered to exchange said Sugars, or a Part thereof, for any other Articles which may be necessary for the Use of the said Troops; and that Mr. Matthew Manchester be appointed to procure Teams for removing the same accordingly.

Major Munro to enlist 18 Men into the Boat Service.
IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major Nathan Munro be and he is hereby empowered to enlist Eighteen Men, in Addition to those already enlisted into his Company, in the Boat Service, to serve for the same Term, and be entitled to the same Bounty, Pay and Rations, as those who shall enlist into the Fifteen Months Brigade: That he enlist the Men aforesaid from any Town within this State; and that upon their enlisting and entering the said Company, they shall be reckoned to the Towns of which they are Inhabitants, in the same Manner as though they had enlisted into the Fifteen Months Brigade, and shall be so reckoned towards discharging the Militia of such Town from present Duty.

Governor Cooke to receive 190,000 Dollars from the Loan-Office, and pay the same into the Treasury.
 WHEREAS the Honorable Continental Congress of the United States, on the Fifth Day of July, A. D. 1777, did by their Order, drawn upon Joseph Clarke, Esq; Commissioner of the Loan-Office for the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, direct him to pay unto the General Assembly of said State, or their Order, One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars; it being advanced for the Use of said State, and the Assembly to be accountable: Wherefore Resolved, That his Excellency Nicholas Cooke, Esq; Governor of this State, be and he is hereby empowered and requested to receive the said Sum of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars of said Joseph Clarke, Esq; as Commissioner of the Loan-Office within this State, and pay the same unto the General-Treasurer of this State, for the Use thereof, taking his Receipt therefor.

An ACT to prevent the selling of Goods at public Vendue.

WHEREAS by the Practice of selling Goods at public Vendue, Act prohibiting the Sale of Goods at public Vendue. in a Time of Scarcity, it often happens, that one Person bidding upon another has a Tendency to enhance the Price of such Goods much beyond the real Value, to the great Damage of the Public: And some People have been wicked enough to bid upon their own Goods for the Purpose of raising the Price: *Therefore be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted,* That the several Laws and Paragraphs of Laws of this State, relative to selling Goods at public Vendue, be and hereby are repealed and declared null and void, excepting those Laws that impower and direct Sheriffs, Deputy-Sheriffs, Town-Sergeants, Constables and Collectors of Rates or Fines, to make Sale of real Estates or Goods taken by Execution or otherwise, and Assets in the Hands of Executors and Administrators for Payment of Debts, or real Estates, or Goods that may be ordered to be sold at public Vendue in last Wills and Testaments.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the Rising of this Assembly, sell at public Vendue, Auction or Outcry, any Goods, Chattels, Wares or Merchandizes, or Effects whatsoever (excepting as before excepted) and excepting such Continental Stores as may be sold at public Vendue, by the Commissary-General or his Order, in Consequence of a Resolution of Congress, shall forfeit and pay such Sum as the Goods so sold shall amount unto, to be recovered by Indictment or Presentment of the Grand Jury; or by a special Action of the Case, in any Court proper to try the same, one Moiety thereof to him or them that shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Town where the Offence shall be committed.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That the aforesaid Act shall not impede or hinder any Special Courts from being called upon the Vendue-Masters or other Persons for collecting Monies upon Account of any Lands, Houses, Tenements, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, heretofore sold at public Vendue; but the Laws made and provided for collecting the same shall remain in full Force, so far as to empower Persons to bring their Actions for the Purpose aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted, That this Act shall be in Force immediately from and after the Rising of this Assembly.



WHEREAS Henry Ward, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit:*

Report of H. Ward accepted, and he allowed £ 105

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, now sitting.

“ THE Subscriber, who was appointed to apply to the General Assembly of *Massachusetts-Bay* for Aid, begs Leave to report, that on the

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Tenth

August, 1777.

Tenth Day of *July* he proceeded to *Boston*, and the General Assembly not being in Session, applied to the Council; who having taken his Representation into Consideration, passed a Resolve for sending, for the Defence of this State, Two Regiments of Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight Men each, to continue for Six Months, and until they should come, for sending One Regiment of Militia, which he herewith presents: That being of Opinion it was necessary for the then present Defence, that a larger Aid should be sent from that State, he gave in the Memorial, which he also lays before you; and that the Council having deliberated upon the same, assured the Subscriber, that they would do every Thing in their Power to forward the Men ordered with the greatest possible Expedition, and give Orders to the Officers of the Militia contiguous to this State to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Moment's Warning to the Assistance of this State, in case of an Attack. He begs Leave to submit this Report, and is, with all Respect, your Honors most obedient humble Servant,

August 19, 1777.

HENRY WARD.

State of Rhode-Island, &c. to Henry Ward,		Dr.
1777.		
July.	To the Hire of a Horse and Sulky to <i>Boston</i> upon } the above-mentioned Business,	£ 2 5 0
	To my Expences on the Road to <i>Boston</i> ,	0 8 6
	To my Expences in <i>Boston</i> ,	3 17 6
	To my Expences on the Road from <i>Boston</i> ,	0 9 0
	To my Time 5 Days upon that Business, at 12 s.	3 0 0
		£ 10 0 0

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.

Persons permitted to go upon *Rhode-Island*, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Sarah Greene*, *Jemima Howland*, and *Sarah Remington*, be permitted to return to the Town of *Jamestown*, and *Priscilla Rogers*, and *Susannah Gardner*, to the Island of *Rhode-Island*, under the Inspection and Direction of the Commanding-Officer of the Second Regiment of the Militia of the County of *King's County*; and they are permitted to carry with them their necessary Apparel.

B. Greene allowed £ 27
17 s. 4 s. $\frac{1}{2}$

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Greene* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Hay, Wood, Provisions, Liquors, and divers other Necessaries, by him supplied, and for Carting done, for the Use of the Troops stationed at *Warwick Neck*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-seven Pounds Seventeen Skillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money of said Account, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Benjamin Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

B. Greene allowed £ 64
2 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS the said *Benjamin Greene* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Mr. *Matthew Manchester*, Commissary to the Troops stationed at *Warwick Neck*, for Wood felled and taken at divers Times, from off his Wood Lot, for the Use of the Troops stationed at that

that Post; for Cash paid for the cutting and carting of Wood, and for Nineteen new Axes used in the above Service, delivered by Order of Col. John Waterman: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixty-four Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said Benjamin Greene, out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Peter Phillips, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that he give his promissory Note for the same, payable on Demand, with Interest.

P. Phillips to draw £300 out of the Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Bounty and Encouragement allowed to the non-commissioned Officers and Privates who should enlist into the Fifteen Months Brigade or Boat Service, be not allowed to any who shall enlist into said Brigade or Boat Service from and after the Expiration of Eighteen Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that a Copy hereof be transmitted to the several Colonels in said Brigade.

Bounty to Men who enlist in the Fifteen Months Brigade, &c. continued 18 Days.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Wages due to the Fifteen Months Brigade until the Tenth Day of August inst. be paid them by the Committees of Safety within this State.

Fifteen Months Brigade to be paid up to the Tenth of August.

Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Act entituled, "An Act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, by excessive and unreasonable Prices for many of the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life, and for preventing Engrossers, and for the better Supply of our Troops in the Army with such Necessaries as may be wanted:" And another Act passed at May second Session last, laying an Embargo upon Rum, Sugar, Melasses, and other Articles therein enumerated, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Act against Monopoly, &c. and the Embargo Act repealed.

WHEREAS the Honorable the Continental Congress have drawn an Order in Favour of this State on the Commissioner of the Loan-Office within the same for *One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars*. And whereas there is not Money sufficient in said Office for discharging said Order, and Certificates are wanted for procuring the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to make Application to our Delegate in Congress that Certificates may be forwarded as soon as may be.

Governor to write for Loan-Office Certificates.

WHEREAS several Towns within this State have neglected to apportion the Tax assessed upon the Inhabitants of said State in March last: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Towns be empowered to apportion the same, and return a Copy of the Lists thereof to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby empowered and directed to issue his Warrants to the Collectors of the said Towns, in the same Manner as though said Tax had been apportioned, and a List of the same had been made out and returned, within the Time limited by Law.

Towns who neglected to assess the Tax in March last, to proceed therein.

J. Goff and C. Harris to build a House near the Powder-Mill.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Jacob Goff* be and he is hereby empowered to purchase, in Behalf of this State, a Lot of Land, at a proper Distance from the Powder-Mill, and take a Deed of the same to the General-Treasurer, for the Use of this State : That he build a House thereon suitable for his Family, at the Expence of the State : That *Caleb Harris*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to assist to superintend the Business, and get it done in the cheapest and best Manner he can ; and that the Cost of the said House and Lot of Land do not exceed the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, which Sum the said *Jacob* is empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose aforesaid.

J. Utter allowed £ 12.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Utter* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse, which was impressed for the Use of the Train of Artillery, in the Town of *Providence*, by Order of Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*, kept in said Service Twenty-two Days, then returned unfit for Service, and remained so till he died : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds* Lawful Money, in full of said Account, be allowed to the said *Jeremiah Utter* ; and that said Sum be paid him, out of the General-Treasury.

T. Stevens allowed £ 8 per Month.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Pounds per Month* be allowed to *Thomas Stevens*, as Armourer to the Fifteen Months Brigade.

J. Pearce allowed £ 12 per Month.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Pounds per Month* be allowed to Mr. *Jonathan Pearce*, for the Services of himself and Apprentice, as Armourer to the Fifteen Months Brigade ; and his Honor the Deputy-Governor is requested to pay him the same accordingly.

Col. *Barton*, &c. allowed 1120 Dollars.

WHEREAS Lieutenant-Colonel *William Barton*, with a Number of Officers and Soldiers under his Command, lately made an Expedition to the Island of *Rhode-Island*, and in the most prudent and gallant Manner happily made Prisoners of, and brought off, Major-General *Prescott*, his Aid-de-Camp, who was of the Rank of Major, and a private Soldier : And whereas this Assembly, at their Session in *March* last, as an Encouragement for an Expedition on *Rhode Island*, offered Rewards for the Captures of Officers and Soldiers, who should be made Prisoners in said Expedition, provided the same should be made in a limited Time, which is expired, by which Act the Rewards for the taking such Prisoners would amount to *Eleven Hundred and Twenty Dollars* : And this Assembly being desirous at all Times of rewarding distinguished Merit, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Eleven Hundred and Twenty Dollars* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury into the Hands of the said *William Barton*, to be divided between him and the other commissioned and non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Party, in Proportion to the Wages of the said Officers and Soldiers.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Thanks of this Assembly be and hereby are given to the said Col. *Barton*, and to the Officers and Soldiers of the said Party, for their brave Execution of that Enterprise.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly will recommend the said Col. *Barton*, and the other commissioned Officers of the said

said Party, to the Notice of his Excellency General *Washington*, for Promotion, according to their Merit.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Delegates appointed, or who may be appointed, to represent this State in Congress, be and they or either of them are hereby empowered to represent said State in Congress until they, or either of them, shall have due Notice of their Re-election, or until the Delegates who may be appointed in their Room shall take their Seats in Congress; the Act directing the Election of said Delegates for one Year to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Clark Brown* be and he is hereby permitted to subscribe the Test, heretofore ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State.

Delegates to sit in Congress until they are relieved.
C. Brown allowed to subscribe the Test.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Wall* be and he is hereby chosen Ensign of Capt. *Phillips's* Company, in the Brigade raised by this State for Fifteen Months, in the Room of *Reuben Herrington*, who has refused.

D. Wall chosen Ensign of Capt. Phillips's Company.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That if any Person within this State, not having hitherto subscribed the Test or Declaration heretofore prescribed by an Act of this Assembly, at the Session held at *Newport*, in *June*, 1776, shall within Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly subscribe the same, before the Governor, Deputy-Governor, an Assistant, or Judge of the Superior or Interior Court, or in open Town-Meeting; such Person shall be restored to all his Liberties, Privileges, Franchises and Immunities, and shall as fully enjoy the same as though he had subscribed the said Test or Declaration in due Season: And that no Person after the Expiration of said Thirty Days shall be admitted to subscribe the same, without special Permission first had from this Assembly.

Further Time allowed to subscribe the Test.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Sylvester Gardner* and *Stephen Champlin* be and they are hereby permitted to remove the Hay belonging to them, and now stacked at the extreme Part of *Point-Judith*, to Places of Safety.

S. Gardner and S. Champlin to remove Hay from Point-Judith.

WHEREAS *John Northup*, Esq; first Deputy of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that one *Job Tibbits* was committed to Gaol in the County of *King's County*, for not complying with an Order of the Justices of said Town for the Maintenance of a bastard Child, of which he was adjudged to be the putative Father: That he was afterwards discharged from Gaol by his insisting into the three Months Service, which hath expired: And thereupon the said *John Northup* prayed this Assembly, that said Justices be empowered to call before them the said *Job Tibbits*; and unless he can produce sufficient Proof to the Satisfaction of said Justices, that he hath complied with said Order, that he be by them committed to Gaol in said *King's County*, and be there confined until he shall have complied with the same.

J. Northup's Petition granted;

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

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WHEREAS

E. Wells allowed £ 27
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WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Wells* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Repairs made on the State's Guns, and sundry Expences and Materials, by him provided in performing said Business: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Amount of said Account, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Edward Wells*, out of the General-Treasury.

Act for supplying the Army with Cloathing, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Continental Officers and Soldiers, raised by this State, be supplied in Camp with Rum, Sugar and Coffee, at the Prices affixed to those Articles in the Act against Monopoly and Oppression, passed by this Assembly at the Second Session held in *December* last, with the additional Charge of Transportation: And that the Council of War, appointed to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, provide and send forward the same to the Paymasters of the two Battalions, who are hereby directed to deliver out the same at the Rates aforesaid, and to deduct the Amount of what each Person shall receive out of his Pay.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of Safety procure as soon as possible, and upon the best Terms they can, the Articles herein after mentioned, for the Use of the Soldiers raised by this State, *that is to say*, the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; shall procure Seventy Pair of Shoes, One Hundred and Forty Pair of Stockings, One Hundred and Forty Shirts, Thirty-five Coats, Thirty-five Pair of Breeches, and Thirty-five Hats: *John Smith*, Esq; and Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*, shall procure Four Hundred and Eighty-two Pair of Shoes, Nine Hundred and Sixty-four Pair of Stockings, Nine Hundred and Sixty four Shirts, Two Hundred and Forty-one Coats, Two Hundred and Forty-one Pair of Breeches, and Two Hundred and Forty-one Hats: Col. *John Cook* shall procure Eighty-eight Pair of Shoes, One Hundred and Seventy-six Pair of Stockings, One Hundred and Seventy-six Shirts, Forty-four Coats, Forty-four Pair of Breeches, and Forty-four Hats: *John Northup*, and *James Congdon*, 3d, Esquires, shall procure Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pair of Shoes, Six Hundred and Sixty-eight Pair of Stockings, Six Hundred and Sixty-eight Shirts, One Hundred and Sixty-seven Coats, One Hundred and Sixty-seven Pair of Breeches, and One Hundred and Sixty-seven Hats: *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; shall procure Two Hundred and Twenty-seven Pair of Shoes, Four Hundred and Fifty-four Pair of Stockings, Four Hundred and Fifty-four Shirts, One Hundred and Thirteen Coats, One Hundred and Thirteen Pair of Breeches, and One Hundred and Thirteen Hats: That One Half Part of the said Articles be appropriated for the Use of the two Continental Battalions, and be sent forward as soon as may be, under the Direction of the said Council of War; and that the other Half be appropriated to the Use of the Brigade raised by this State for Fifteen Months, and be delivered out by the Committee of Safety, to those Persons who shall be most in Want thereof.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Families of the Field, commissioned and Staff Officers, as well those belonging to the said Brigade, as to the said Continental Battalions, who are resident in this State, be supplied with such necessary Articles as are enumerated in the said Act against Monopoly and Oppression, if to be procured at the Rates in the said Act affixed,

affixed, with the Charge of Transportation, to the Amount of One Quarter Part of their Wages, they lodging Money to procure the same: That the Families of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates shall be supplied in like Manner, to the Amount of their Wages: That the Town-Council of each Town in this State be and they are hereby empowered and directed to appoint a suitable Person to supply the said Officers and Soldiers as aforesaid, in their respective Towns, who shall be allowed *Two and a Half per Cent.* for doing the Business, to be paid out of the General-Treasury: That the Persons so appointed procure the Articles for the Purposes aforesaid upon the best Terms they can: And that the Difference between the Prices at which the said Articles shall be purchased and delivered, be paid out of the General-Treasury.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That these Resolutions shall not revoke the Appointment of *John Reynolds, Esq;* to purchase Cloathing for the Soldiers, but that he continue to procure as large a Quantity as may be, upon the best Terms he can.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the new Table of Fees take Place at the Rising of the General Assembly at which the same was passed into an Act.

Table of Fees to take Place at the Rising of the Assembly at which it passed.

RESOLVED, That it be and hereby is earnestly recommended to all the Farmers and others within this State, who have raised Flax the present Season, that they be careful to preserve all the Seed thereof, as in all Probability it will soon become an essential Article for Exportation; and that this Resolve be published three Weeks successively in the *Providence Gazette*.

Flax-Seed to be preserved;

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Tax of *Thirty-two Thousand Pounds* be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected and paid into the General-Treasury, by the First Day of *December* next: That the same be proportioned agreeable to the Estimate upon which the last Tax was proportioned: That the Poll-Tax be *Sixpence* for every *Thousand Pounds*; and that the standing Committee proportion the same, and draught a Bill accordingly.

A Tax of £ 32,000 to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State:

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Row-Galley *Washington* be rigged as a Schooner, and that Mr. *John Smith*, and *Daniel Tillinghast, Esq;* furnish Rigging and Sails necessary for that Purpose.

Row-Galley *Washington* to be rigged as a Schooner.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Pierce* laid before this Assembly a Memorandum or Account of sundry Tools lost upon *Rhode-Island*, at the Time it was evacuated by our Troops, and taken Possession of by the Enemy: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-two Pounds Three Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jonathan Pierce*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Pierce allowed £ 22 3 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS our relentless Enemies have possessed themselves of the Towns of *Newport, Portsmouth, Middletown* and *Jamestown*, whereby the Freemen of those Towns are deprived of the Privilege of meeting at their usual Places for the Choice of Deputies to represent them in General Assembly:

Freemen of sundry Towns in the County of *Newport* to choose Representatives,

Assembly : *It is therefore Resolved*, That those Persons who were known to be Freemen in either of those Towns, to the Number of Seven at the least from each Town respectively, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to meet at the Places hereafter mentioned, *to wit* : Those of the Town of *Newport* at the State-House in *Providence* : Those of *Portsmouth* and *Middletown* at the House of *William Durfee*, in *Tiverton*, and those of *Jamestown* at the House of *Matthew Allen*, in *North-Kingstown*, on the Third *Wednesday* of *September* next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose aforesaid, they conducting such Choice agreeable to the Usages and Practices in their respective Towns heretofore ; and that this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

S. Hopkins allowed £ 23 12 s. WHEREAS the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time of himself, his Servant, two Horses and a Carriage, and for his Expences to, at and from *Springfield*, to meet Committees from the other *New-England* States : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-three Pounds and Twelve Skillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Hopkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

P. Mumford allowed £ 18 10 d. WHEREAS *Paul Mumford*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to, at and from *Springfield*, as one of the aforesaid Committee : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Eighteen Pounds and Tenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Paul Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Bradford allowed £ 21 3 s. 10 d. WHEREAS the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; laid before this Assembly at Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences, and the Hire of a Horse and Carriage to, at and from *Springfield*, as one of the aforesaid Committee, and for Cash by him paid to the Clerk of said Committee, for this State's Proportion of his Fees : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-one Pounds Three Skillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Bradford to draw £ 1000 out of the Treasury. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury ; and that he account for the same, as one of the Committee of Safety for this State.

T. Stevens to be supplied with Necessaries at the stated Price. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Family of Mr. *Thomas Stevens*, Armourer to the Fifteen Months Brigade, be supplied with such necessary Articles as are enumerated in the Act against Monopoly and Oppression (if to be procured) at the Rates in said Act affixed, with the Charge of Transportation, he lodging Money to procure the same, to the Amount of one Half of his Wages.

J. Northup to draw £ 1500 out of the Treasury. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-

General-Treasury; and that he account for the same as one of the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the Session held in *April* last, in Commiseration of the unhappy Condition of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Newport, Portsmouth, Jamestown* and *Middletown*, who had left the said Towns and taken Refuge upon the Main in this State, passed an Act, that they should not be taxed for their personal Estate: And whereas it appears that many of the said Inhabitants are possessed of considerable personal Estate; and as all Persons who derive Protection from the State ought to pay their just Proportion of the public Expences: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Act be and hereby is repealed; and that the Inhabitants of the said Towns shall be assessed, in the several Towns, where they respectively reside, for their Polls and Estates (excepting for such Parts of their Estates as are in Possession of the Enemy) in the same Manner and Proportion as the other Inhabitants of the said Towns where they reside are assessed.

Persons who have removed from *Newport*, to be taxed for their personal Estates.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff for the County of *King's* County dispose of the old Court-House in *King's* County, on the Fourth *Wednesday* of *September* next; and that he advertise the same in the *Providence Gazette*; and the General-Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to give a warrant Deed to the Purchaser thereof, in Behalf of this State.

Old Court-House in *King's* County to be sold at public Vendue.

It is Voted and Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown* immediately to appoint an Administrator to the Estate of *Charles Slocum*, deceased: That the Sheriff for the County of *King's* County immediately take Possession of the personal Estate of the said *Charles*, and, upon the Appointment of such Administrator, that he deliver the same, excepting Two Hundred Weight of the Wool, and One Third Part of the rest of the personal Estate, to the said Administrator. And the said Sheriff is directed to deliver One Hundred Weight of the said Wool so ordered to be retained by him to Mr. *John Smith*, Fifty Weight thereof to *John Northup*, Esq; and the Remainder to *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; to be forthwith manufactured by them into Hats, for the Use of the Troops raised by this State.

Town-Council of *North-Kingstown* to appoint an Administrator to *Charles Slocum's* Estate.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Sheriff dispose of the remaining Part of said one Third Part of said personal Estate at public Vendue; and that he render an Account thereof to this Assembly.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, and *William Bradford*, Esquires, and *Henry Ward*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their respective Services and Expences, in attending at the Convention of Committees from the *New-England* States, held at *Providence*, in *December*, 1776, and *January*, 1777: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Hopkins*, *William Bradford*, and *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.

£ 13 10s.

August, 1777.

An A C T to prevent the distilling, into any Kind of Spirits whatever, Wheat, *Indian* Corn, Rye, Barley, Oats, or Cider.

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WHEREAS it is absolutely necessary for the Support of the Army, and Inhabitants in general, that great Care should be taken, that all Kinds of Grain raised within, or brought into this State, should be carefully preserved for the Support of the Army and Inhabitants in general: And whereas many Persons of late have, and others are about distilling into Spirits, Wheat, *Indian* Corn, Rye, Barley, and Oats, which is of very pernicious Consequence, as it occasions a Scarcity of Grain, and introduces among the Soldiers and Inhabitants a Liquor which will tend to the Destruction of the Consumers: And whereas Cider, in its pure State, is a Liquor when moderately used that will add to the Health of the Army, and is much better than when passed a Course of Distillation: Wherefore, to prevent the distilling of Grain of all Kinds, and Cider,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That for the future no Person or Persons within this State shall, upon any Pretence whatever, distil any Wheat, Indian Corn, Rye, Barley or Oats, or shall put the same into Vats or Cisterns, to undergo a Fermentation, in order to distil the same into Spirits or strong Waters, upon the Penalty of paying as a Fine Twenty Shillings, for each and every Bushel of Grain so made use of in Manner as aforesaid, one Half to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other Half to and for the Use of this State, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information, in any Court within this State, proper to try the same.

AND be it further Enacted, That no Person or Persons shall for the future, under any Pretence whatever, distil any Cider into Spirits or strong Waters, upon the Penalty of forfeiting and paying the Sum of Three Pounds Lawful Money, for each and every Barrel of Cider so distilled, or that shall be turned or put into any Hogheads, Butts, Vats or Cisterns, to be distilled; One Half thereof to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other Half to and for the Use of this State; to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid.

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WHEREAS this State is now blockaded by a considerable naval and Land Force, and thereby deprived of the Advantages of importing Grain of the several Kinds necessary for the Consumption of its Inhabitants, whereby they are under Necessity of procuring large Supplies from the neighbouring States of *Massachusetts-Bay* and *Connecticut*, for their Support: And whereas great Scarcity of those Articles may be occasioned by distilling the same into spirituous Liquors: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly, write to the Assemblies of the States aforesaid, inclosing to them a Copy of an Act of this State, passed at the present Session, entitled, "An Act to prevent the distilling, into any Kind of Spirit whatever, Wheat, Indian Corn, Rye, Barley, Oats or Cider:" And recommending to them the passing such Act or Acts similar thereto, as may prevent*

prevent any Difficulty in the supplying this State with those necessary Articles; and that the Act aforesaid be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

WHEREAS a Number of Officers, belonging to the Brigade raised by this State, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that for the Safety of the States of *America* in general, and of this in particular, with the Encouragement held out by their Constituents, they entered into the Service: That they engaged that the Encouragement made to the Soldiers should be fulfilled, who in Consequence thereof, and from a Principle of Freedom, and for the public Preservation, cheerfully entered into the Service: That to their great Mortification they find themselves obliged humbly to remonstrate to this Assembly the Situation of the Brigade: That the Soldiers in general are very poorly provided with Cloathing, so that their Appearance on the Parade is rather miserable than formidable; and in Consequence thereof they cannot exact from them such Duties as the Service naturally requires: That in Consequence of the Deficiency of Camp-Equipage, they are not prepared either for Attack or Defence: That amidst the whole, the rapid Augmentation of the Prices of every necessary Article of Life fills them with the greatest Anxiety for themselves and their Families, who depend chiefly on their Wages for Support; and that the Soldiers expected to have enjoyed the same Benefits as those in the Continental Army, who are now plentifully supplied with Cloathing and other Necessaries, which they are suffering for the Want of: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to seriously consider the Matters which are here recited, and in Commiseration to the Brigade to rectify those real Evils which lie so heavy upon them.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be received; and that this Assembly will take the most effectual and speedy Measures for procuring and furnishing the said Officers and Soldiers with the Articles requested, agreeable to the Prayer of said Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act regulating Fees within this State, continue and be in Force until the further Order of this Assembly.

All regulating Fees to continue in Force, until further Orders.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Hughes*, Lieutenant of Capt. *Tew's* Company, in one of the Continental Battalions raised by this State, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Board and Expences, while under Cure for a Wound, which he received at *Long-Island*, in *August* last, for sundry Expences from *Newark* to *Fish-Kill*, for his Board at *Fish-Kill* and *Providence*, and for Doctors Bills by him paid: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventeen Pounds and Twelve Skillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Hughes*, out of the General-Treasury.

T. Hughes allowed £ 17 12 s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Timothy Coffin* be and he is hereby directed to proceed to *Bedford*, and there take out of the Sloop *Diamond*, of which he is Master, Two Hundred Barrels of Turpentine, and lodge the same in some convenient Place: That he proceed with the said Sloop to *Acoxet*, and unlade the Remainder of the Cargo, and store the

Directions given to *T. Coffin* respecting the Sloop *Diamond*.

the same in safe Places: That Col. *Pardon Gray* be and he is hereby empowered and directed to take the said Sloop and Remainder of the Cargo into his Care: That he endeavour to procure a Cargo of Flax-seed, for her to make a Voyage to *Europe*: And that Mr. *Thomas Stevens*, jun. be and is hereby empowered and directed to sell, upon the best Terms he can for the State, the said Two Hundred Barrels of Turpentine ordered to be landed at *Bedford*, and pay the Amount thereof into the General-Treasury.

Families of the Officers in the Service of this State, to be supplied at the stated Price. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Families of the Officers in the Continental Battalions and Fifteen Months Brigade raised by this State, be furnished with such necessary Articles as are enumerated in the Act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, at the Prices affixed in said Act, to the Amount of the One Quarter Part of their Wages, upon their lodging Money sufficient for said Purpose in the Hands of the Committees appointed to supply the Families of Soldiers.

Money to be supplied to Persons appointed to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War be and they are hereby directed, upon the Application of the Persons appointed by the Town-Council in the several Towns within this State, for the Purpose of supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in their respective Towns, and producing a Certificate from the Town-Clerk of their respective Towns, of the Number to be supplied agreeable to an Act of this State, to give Orders on the General-Treasurer for such Sum or Sums of Money as they think necessary to make such Provision.

E. Slocum to remain in Gaol till further Orders. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ebenezer Slocum*, now in Gaol in *Providence*, remain there until the further Order of this Assembly.

J. Smith to sell Cheese. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* sell, for the most he can get, a Quantity of Cheese in his Hands belonging to this State.

E. Clarke's Petition granted. WHEREAS Mr. *Ethan Clarke*, of *Hopkinton*, in *King's County*, in this State, Administrator with the Will annexed of the Goods, Chattels and personal Estate of the Hon. *Samuel Ward*, Esq; late of *Westerly*, deceased, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the afore-said Estate is indebted to sundry Persons now on *Rhode-Island*, who have exhibited their Demands (as by Report of the Commissioners appointed to receive the Claims against said Estate will appear) to the Amount of *One Thousand and Eleven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Two-pence Three Farthings*, viz.

To <i>Samuel Freebody</i> ,	£ 238	19	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Ditto, for the Use of <i>Elizabeth Ward</i> , jun.	52	15	11
To <i>Jonas L. Redwood</i> ,	79	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
To <i>John Mawdsley</i> ,	21	13	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
To <i>Peter Gaynor</i> ,	17	9	0
To <i>Thomas Freebody</i> ,	223	7	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
To <i>Stephen Ayrault</i> ,	107	1	0
To the Estate of <i>Edward Wanton</i> ,	124	7	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
To <i>Robert Ferguson</i> ,	61	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
To <i>Nathaniel Coggeshall</i> ,	56	16	7
To the Estate of <i>John Freebody</i> ,	20	16	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
To <i>Peleg Barker</i> ,	7	15	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
	£ 1011	13	2 $\frac{1}{4}$

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All which Sums or Demands he the said Administrator is ready to pay, but the Communication to said Island being cut off, it is entirely out of his Power to pay the same, whereby the aforelaid Persons, or said Estate, must suffer greatly by the Money's lying uselefs: And thereupon the said *Ethan Clarke* prayed this Assembly to take the same into Consideration, and pass an Act ordering him to pay said Sums into the General-Treasury of this State, and that the General-Treasurer give Receipts in Behalf of the Persons to whom the Sums are due; and that the Money so paid to the General-Treasurer shall be a good Payment, and as full a Discharge from the Persons to whom it was due for the Sums so paid, as though paid to themselves in Person. On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Hire to attend this Assembly at the two last Sessions, as Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Seven Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury. *J. Lyndon* allowed £ 1 7^s 4^d

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Smith* be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same as one of the Committee of Safety. *J. Smith* to draw £ 1000 out of the Treasury.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Hire to attend at the two last Sessions of this Assembly, as Assistant Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds and Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury. *W. Channing* allowed £ 3 4^s

WHEREAS *Jeremiah Whipple*, of Cumberland, in the County of Providence, Esq; preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Evening of the Seventh Day of *April* last past, two of his Teams were impressed by *James Lovett*, Esq; Deputy Quarter-Master-General, to remove the Continental Stores from the Place where they then were, about nine Miles Distance, to a more secure and safe Place: That in Obedience to said Impress he repaired the next Morning with said two Teams to the Place where said Stores were deposited, and loaded the same: That having travelled with said Teams about three Miles on his Way, two of his Oxen died, by Reason of the uncommon Heat of the Day, notwithstanding the greatest Caution and Prudence used to prevent the same; and that as he was compelled to perform said Service, which was for the Safety of this State in particular, and of the United States in general, he conceives that as an Individual he ought not to suffer the Loss of said Oxen wholly himself: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him such a Sum of Money out of the General-Treasury as to them shall seem sufficient to repair his Loss. *J. Whipple's* Petition granted.

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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War be and hereby is directed to give an Order on the General-Treasurer, for the Value of the above Oxen, upon the said *Jeremiah Whipple's* producing a Certificate from the Quarter-Master-General of his having impressed them into the Continental Service.

D. Tillinghast
to deliver
Cartridges,
&c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; deliver to Major *Richard Bailey* One Thousand Musquet Cartridges for the Use of the Town of *Richmond*, and to Capt. *Benjamin Arnold* Four Hundred for the Use of the Town of *Warwick*.

Two Persons
hiring a Re-
cruit in the
Continental
Battalions to
be excused
from military
Duty.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That any two Persons within this State, subject by Law to bear Arms, who shall procure one good able bodied Recruit to enter the Continental Service for the Term of three Years, or during the present War, shall be exempted from actual Service, saving in Cases of general Alarm, during the Time for which such Recruit shall enlist: And every such Recruit shall be entitled to the Continental Bounty, and other Continental Allowances.

PROVIDED always, That no Person or Persons shall be exempted as aforesaid, until such Recruits by them respectively procured shall have passed Muster, agreeable to the Regulations for raising the Continental Army.

Persons ap-
pointed to re-
cruit for the
Continental
Service, &c.

IN Pursuance of a Resolve of the Honorable the Continental Congress, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That proper Persons be appointed in each Town, within this State, to recruit Men to fill up the Continental Battalions raising within this State: That the Persons appointed give good Security to the Town-Treasurers of their respective Towns, for the faithful Discharge of their Duty, and rendering just Accounts of all public Monies that shall come to their Hands; and that they be allowed for each able bodied Recruit, by them raised, who shall enlist for three Years or during the War, the Sum of *Eight Dollars*, in full for their Trouble and Expence.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be appointed for the several Towns, for the Purpose aforesaid, to wit: *Newport*, Messieurs *Henry Dayton*, and *Philip Morse*: *Providence*, Messieurs *Joseph Hoyle*, and *John Beverly*: *Warwick*, Messieurs *Robert Rhodes*, and *Waterman Tibbets*: *Westerly*, Capt. *Job Pemberton*: *North-Kingstown*, Mr. *Peter Wright*, and Major *Sylvester Gardner*: *South Kingstown*, Col. *Thomas Potter*, and Capt. *Samuel Potter*: *East-Greenwich*, Col. *Richard Fry*, *William Peirce*, Esq; and Major *Thomas Tillinghast*: *Jamestown*, *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; *Smithfield*, Messieurs *John Angell*, and *Peleg Arnold*: *Scituate*, *Timothy Hopkins*, Esq; and Messieurs *Stephen Kimball*, *Stephen Sheldon*, and *Jonathan Knight*, jun. *Gloucester*, Capt. *Afa Kimball*, and Mr. *Nathaniel Blackmar*: *Charlestown*, Capt. *Joseph Congdon*: *Coventry*, Messieurs *William Love*, *David Brayton*, and Capt. *Thomas Gorton*: *West-Greenwich*, Capt. *Joseph Hopkins*: *Exeter*, Mr. *Stephen Wightman*, and Capt. *Samuel Gorton*: *Bristol*, Mr. *William Throop*: *Tiverton*, Col. *John Cook*: *Little-Compton*, Mr. *Nathaniel Church*: *Warren*, Col. *Nathan Miller*: *Cumberland*, Col. *George Peck*, and Mr. *Enoch Tower*: *Richmond*, Capt. *Richard Bailey*, jun. and Mr. *Jonathan Maxson*: *Cranston*, Mr. *Randall*

Randall Briggs: Hopkinton, Capt. Thomas Wells: Johnston, Col. John Waterman, and Mr. Richard Eddy: North-Providence, Capt. Thomas Olney: Barrington, Major Peleg Heath.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That said Persons be empowered to take up and secure all Deserters who shall come within their respective Districts, and the Officers of the Militia are directed to give them such Assistance as shall be required: And for every Deserter so taken up and secured, that Five Dollars be allowed to the Person by whom he shall be apprehended.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That for Encouragement of Men to enter into said Service, they shall be at Liberty at the Time of their Inlistments to make Choice of the Battalion or Company in which they will serve, provided said Battalion or Company is not full; if it is, they may choose any other Battalion or Company, which shall be entered against their Names, and returned to the Officer appointed to receive said Recruits, who shall, at the same Time they are sent to join their Corps, transmit the same to the General or Commanding Officer.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any of the Persons appointed by this Resolve shall not accept their Appointment, that the Deputies of said Towns be and they are hereby empowered to appoint others in their Room; and that a Copy hereof be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks within this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.

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An A C T assessing and apportioning a Rate or Tax of *Thirty-two Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax of Thirty two Thousand Pounds Law-ful Money shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected and paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of December next, in Bills of public Credit emitted by this State: And that the same when paid in be burnt. And assessing and appor-tioning a Tax of £ 32000.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be Sixteen Skillings, being Sixpence for every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age and upwards, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are inlisted into the Continental Battalions, and those inlisted by this State for Fifteen Months, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners, on board any armed Vessels in the Service of the Continent, or of this State, shall pay the Poll-Tax.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit:

Newport,

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<i>Newport,</i>	£ 3472	17	6			
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	1356	19	2			
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	317	9	8			
<i>Jamestown,</i>	523	7	4			
<i>Middletown,</i>	1013	11	10			
<i>Tiverton,</i>	1109	12	0			
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	982	1	10			
				£	8775	19 4
<i>Providence,</i>	3418	4	0			
<i>Smithfield,</i>	1648	15	6			
<i>Scituate,</i>	1225	11	0			
<i>Gloucester,</i>	1069	7	0			
<i>Cumberland,</i>	621	5	10			
<i>Cranston,</i>	1133	15	2			
<i>Johnston,</i>	469	17	0			
<i>North-Providence,</i>	447	5	10			
					10034	1 4
<i>Westerly,</i>	886	8	4			
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	1449	15	0			
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	2795	13	4			
<i>Charlestown,</i>	731	1	10			
<i>Richmond,</i>	591	14	4			
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	795	18	0			
<i>Exeter,</i>	823	17	6			
					8074	8 4
<i>Bristol,</i>	757	16	0			
<i>Warren,</i>	303	2	6			
<i>Barrington,</i>	342	3	0			
					1403	1 6
<i>Warwick,</i>	1520	11	4			
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	848	15	8			
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	573	7	4			
<i>Coventry,</i>	769	15	2			
					3712	9 6
				£	32000	0 0

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportions of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof (except the Towns of *Newport, Jamestown, New-Shoreham, Portsmouth* and *Middletown*) as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid: And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: And the said Town-Clerk is directed and hereby required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective

respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay, unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying or collecting its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of said Tax by the Time aforesaid, that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorised and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of said Tax (excepting the Towns before excepted) immediately after the said First Day of December next, which Execution shall be returnable in Thirty Days.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State, be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a special Inferior Court in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken: And such special Court shall be convened, have the same Power and take the same Fees, as special Courts have heretofore had in this State; and the Judgment of such special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in this State be and they are hereby required, to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer and Collector of Rates to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

AND be it further Enacted, That any Town within this State who are dissatisfied with their present Assessors or Rate-Makers, be empowered to call Town-Meetings, and appoint other Assessors or Rate-Makers, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That any Town which shall collect and pay into the General-Treasury, before the Time limited in this Act for the Payment thereof, the Sum assessed upon said Town, or any Part thereof, the General-Treasurer is empowered and hereby directed to pay Interest at Six per Centum per Annum therefor, from the Time it shall be paid in until the First Day of December aforesaid; which Interest shall be by the Collector paid into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Use of such Towns respectively.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town: And the several Collectors of Taxes are

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hereby

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hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury before or at the Time limited in this Act.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in Providence, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth Monday of September next, then to meet at South Kingstown.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY
of the STATE of *Rhode-Island*
and *Providence Plantations*, begun
and holden, by Adjournment, at
South-Kingstown, within and for
the State aforesaid, on Monday the
Twenty-second Day of *September*,
in the Year of our LORD, One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Se-
venty-seven.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

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G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; Deputy-Governor,

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

JOHN TANNER, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

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} Assistants.
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ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; DEPUTY-SECRETARY.

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JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Permission hath been granted, by the Council of War, to *Dinah Remington* to proceed in a Flag of Truce to the Island of *Jamestown*, under the Direction of Col. *Dyre* : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Flag be for the present detained ; and that Col. *Dyre* do not dispatch the same until further Orders from this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, from the Council of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of *King's-County* sell and dispose of the old Court-House, in the said County, this Day, at public Vendue, to the highest Bidder ; that he give a Bill of Sale thereof to the Purchaser, who is to remove the same off the Lot whereon it stands within six Months from the Date ; and not to improve it where it now stands : And that the Sheriff do not sell or dispose of the said Lot of Land. Any Thing to the Contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted, That when and as often as it happens that the Sheriff of any County, within this State, who is to execute any Writ or Process from the Maritime Court, is any wise interested in the Effect of such Writ or Process, that it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of the said Maritime Court, and he is hereby directed to issue all such Writs and Processes to any or either of the Town-Serjeants in any of the Towns within the County where such Sheriff who is interested resides. And the said Town-Serjeants are hereby fully empowered, authorized and directed, to execute the same, to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and effectually as the Sheriff might, ought or could do, if he was not interested in said Process.

WHEREAS Col. *Simeon Potter* did heretofore bring forward an Action against *Charles Dudley*, Esq; and did attach his personal Estate, which was taken into the State's Custody and sold. Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathan Miller* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General Treasury, to pay and discharge the aforesaid Debt with the Costs ; that he tender the same unto the said *Simeon Potter* in discharge of said Debt and Cost before Witnesses : And that he make Report of his Proceedings, as soon as may be, to this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, to the Council of War.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Weaver*, jun. preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That some Time in May last, *Gideon Casey*, a Lieutenant in Col. *Green's* Regiment, impressed his Horse, Saddle and Bridle, by Order of General *Varnum* ; that the Saddle and Bridle, which were almost new, have never been returned him : And thereupon prayed this Assembly

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Assembly to take the same into Consideration, and order Satisfaction to be made him for his Loss.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That it be recommended to the said *Jonathan Weaver*, jun. to make Application to the Hon'ble Major-General *Spencer* for Satisfaction for the said Saddle and Bridle ; the same having been pressed by an Officer in the Continental Service.

Persons who have received the State's Money to account therefor.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons appointed to deliver the Salt, heretofore proportioned to the several Towns within this State, forthwith pay the Amount of the Salt by them respectively delivered into the General Treasury: And all Persons who have received Money out of the Treasury, either for purchasing of Guns, or inlisting of Men into the Continental Battalions or fifteen Months Service, are hereby required to render an Account thereof to the Council of War ; and if any Person shall neglect to pay said Money, or render an Account of the Money by them received for the Purposes aforesaid, for the Space of thirty Days next from the Rising of this Assembly, the Attorney-General is directed to commence Actions against such Delinquents, to the first Court authorized to hear and determine the same: And that this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

J. Lyndon allowed £. 2 8 9.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to attend this Assembly, at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eight Shillings, and nine Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Northup to draw £. 500 out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, be empowered to draw five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury.

S. Gardner to prosecute for Breach of the Small-Pox Act.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major *Sylvester Gardner* be empowered to prosecute any Person or Persons who may have violated, within the Town of *North-Kingstown*, any Act or Acts of this State made for preventing the spreading of the Small-Pox.

Collector of Taxes to receive Continental Money.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Collectors of Rates in this State be, and they are hereby, directed to receive Continental Bills, as well as Bills of this State, for the Taxes already ordered to be levied ; that the General Treasurer exchange all such Continental Bills as shall be paid into the General

neral Treasury, for the Bills of this State, as often as he hath Opportunity : And that a Copy of this Vote be inserted in the *Providence Gazette*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Colonels or other Field-Officers, commanding in the Counties of *King's-County* and *Kent*, forthwith call forth as many of the Militia and Alarm Men, in addition to those already doing Duty, as they shall judge proper ; in order that such suitable Guards be placed upon the Shores, in said Counties, as will prevent any Persons going upon any of the Islands in Possession of the Enemy.

Colonels in *King's-County* and *Kent* to call forth the Militia.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the State-House in *King's-County*, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that one Pound, and one Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

E. Tefft allowed £. 1 1.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Herrington* forthwith account with this State for the Cows that he bought of *Samuel Jordan*, and paid for in counterfeit Money, and also for the Profits of said Cows ; that the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be empowered to account with him in Behalf of this State, and receive of said *Herrington* the Money for said Cows, together with the Profits : And that he pay the same into the General Treasury.

J. Herrington to account for two Cows, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *Henry Ward*, *William Channing*, *Jonathan Arnold*, and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esqrs; be a Committee, they, or the major Part of them, to form a Plan of Government for this State, and lay the same before this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Committee to form a Plan of Government.

WHEREAS Capt. *Samuel Carr*, *Benjamin Underwood*, and *Christopher Ellery*, Esqrs. in Behalf of themselves, and many of the late Inhabitants of the Towns of *Jamestown*, *Newport*, *Portsmouth*, *Middletown*, and *New-Shoreham*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in the Beginning of this unnatural cruel War, between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, they, with many of the Inhabitants of said Towns, impressed with Sentiments of Duty and Affection for their Country, and paying due Obedience to the several Resolves of the State, at great Trouble and Expence transported themselves, and such Part of their Property as escaped the Destruction of the Enemy (the Real excepted) to the Main ; where they have lived on a Part of the small Substance brought with them, some almost one, and others more than two

Petition of the Inhabitants of *Jamestown*, &c. granted.

Years : That before, and at the Time, they, and their Constituents, removed to the Main, when they were in a Capacity of paying, by having the Improvement of their real as well as personal Estates, there were no Taxes levied on them ; since which Time the Enemy has taken full Possession of them, thereby rendering them unable to pay the Taxes now levied, or about to be levied on them, and their Constituents, the Inhabitants of said Towns, many of whom are now in great Want of some of the real Necessaries of Life : That since they left their Habitations, and by Order of the General Assembly removed to the Main, they have, with the greatest Alacrity, done every Thing in their Power to obstruct and defeat the Measures of the Enemy : They have taken their monthly, and other Rounds of Duty, to guard and defend the Shores, equally with the Rest of the Inhabitants ; and have furnished their Quota's of the Continental and fifteen Months Battalions : And that notwithstanding they have been excluded their Proportions of Flour and Iron, and when the same was sent into the Towns to be divided, it was done in such Manner, in some Towns, as utterly excluded any of the Inhabitants of the Islands from any Part thereof : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take the same into Consideration, and exempt them from paying any Tax for their Persons, or personal Property, until they can remove back and improve their real Estates in Safety, or otherwise, if they should be held to pay any Tax for their personal Estates, that they have Credit given them for the Tax so paid as Part of the Proportion of the Town to which they respectively belong.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the late Inhabitants who have removed from the Towns of *Jamestown, Newport, Portsmouth, Middletown*, and *New-Shoreham*, to the Main, be not rated in any Rate or Tax in this State, for their Persons or personal Estates, the Stock excepted ; and that if any of the Inhabitants of said Towns be already rated in any Town, which Rates are not as yet collected, that the same be remitted to the Persons so rated.

E Wells allowed
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WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Wells* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Expences and Bills by him paid for cleaning a Number of Small-Arms belonging to the State : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being fifteen Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Edward Wells*, out of the General Treasury.

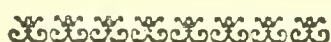
B. Arnold allowed
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WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Arnold* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expence, in collecting and delivering to the Committee of Safety, the Town of *Warwick's* Proportion of Blankets :

Blankets : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Arnold*, out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *James Rhodes* be, and *J. Rhodes* to he is hereby, empowered to repair *Pawtuxet* Bridge ; and repair *Pawtuxet* that he lay his Account for the same before this Assembly. *et Bridge.*

WHEREAS Dr. *Robert Perrigo* presented unto this Assem- *R. Perrigo* al- bly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medi- lowed £ 2 14 cines by him furnished for the Use of the Sick of Col. *Stunton's* 6. Regiment : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, fourteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Robert Perrigo*, out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT to prevent *Horse-racing*.

WHEREAS the suffering of Horses to be run for Bets *Act to prevent* or Wagers is contrary to a Resolve of the Honorable *Horse racing.* Continental Congress, and is of pernicious Consequences, as it assembles together a great Number of idle Persons, and is a waste of Time and Money, to many who are very unable to bear it ; and likewise tends greatly to introduce among the People a set of Sharpers, and other dissolute Persons :

WHEREFORE, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That, for the future not any Person or Persons shall make any Bet, or lay any Wager of any Kind, upon any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, to start or run therefor, under the Penalty of paying, as a Fine, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money : One Half to the Informer, and the other Half to and for the Use of the Town where the Offence is committed ; to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information, in any Court proper to try the same.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly suffer or permit any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, belonging to him or them, to start or run for any Bet or Wager ; he, she, or they, so offending, shall forfeit his, her, or their Horse, Mare, or Gelding. starting or running as aforesaid, to and for the Use of the Town where such Offence is committed, to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid ; and that this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

RESOLVED,

September, 1777.

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litia, &c.

RESOLVED, That one Half of the Militia, Alarm, Independent, and Artillery Companies, be drafted from the Militia, Alarm, Independent, and Artillery Companies, within this State, on the twenty-seventh Day of *September* inst. That they march to and rendezvous at such Place or Places as shall be directed by the Honorable Major-General *Spencer*, on the first Day of *October* next ; and that they remain and continue to do Duty for the Space of one Month from the said first Day of *October*, unless sooner discharged by General *Spencer* ; any Resolve to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding ; and the Colonels, or in their Absence the next Commanding Officer of the several Regiments of Militia, and Commanders of said Companies, are directed to call together by Companies their respective Regiments and Companies, on *Saturday* the said twenty-seventh Day of *September*, at such Place as shall be appointed by them, and may be most convenient for the said Regiments and Companies ; and that they cause said Draft then to be made ; and that the Persons who shall be drafted as aforesaid be duly equipped with Arms and Accoutrements according to Law.

IT is further Resolved, That said one Half of the Militia, Alarm, Independent, and Artillery Companies, who shall be drafted as aforesaid, be formed into one Brigade, to consist of six Regiments, each Regiment to be commanded by one Col. one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major, and to consist of eight Companies, each Company to be led by one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign : That said Brigade, Regiments and Companies, be formed under the Direction of the Hon. Major-General *Spencer*. And *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq; is hereby appointed Brigadier-General to command the same. *Provided nevertheless, and it is further Resolved*, That General *Spencer* be empowered to form said Men, who shall be drafted as aforesaid, into two Brigades, if he should think it necessary, and most for the public Service ; and in that Case, that one of the said Brigades be commanded by the said *Ezekiel Cornell*, and that the other Brigade be commanded by an Officer who shall be appointed by the Council of War, by and with the Advice of General *Spencer* ; and the Council of War are empowered to appoint the other proper Officers to said Brigade, who shall be entitled to the same Pay and Rations as Officers of the same Rank in the Continental Service.

AND for the Encouragement of the Persons who shall be drafted as aforesaid, to exert themselves in Defence of their Country, *It is further Resolved*, That each non-commissioned Officer and Private who shall be drafted as aforesaid, and shall do their Tour of Duty, shall be allowed, as a Bounty, forty Shillings, lawful Money, for one Month's Service, and in the same Proportion for a shorter Time, and the same Wages and Rations as are allowed the non-commissioned Officers and Privates in the Continental Service.

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IT is further Resolved, That the Town-Council, or any one of them, of the several Towns within this State in which a Commissary doth not reside, furnish the Men drafted within their respective Towns with three Days Provisions, and that they forward to the Place of their Rendezvous the Camp Utensils necessary for their Use.

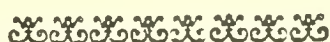
IT is further Resolved, That if any Person who shall be drafted as aforesaid shall appear not duly equipped, that the Commanding Officer of the Company to which he belongs be empowered to impress a Gun, or whatever Accoutrements he may stand in Need of.

IT is further Resolved, That if any Colonel of said Regiments, or Commanders of said Companies, shall neglect to call together said Regiments or Companies, or to cause said Draft to be made agreeable to this Resolve, or if any Officer, to whom a Warrant shall be directed for the Purpose aforesaid, shall neglect to do his Duty, every such delinquent Officer shall pay as a Fine, to the Use of this State, the Sum of fifty Pounds, lawful Money; and if any Person who shall be drafted as aforesaid, and shall neglect to do Duty agreeable to this Resolve, or to hire a Man to do his Tour of Duty, the Town-Council of the Town in which such Person resides are empowered to hire a Man in the Room of such delinquent Person, and to provide in Manner as is directed by an Act for the Relief of tender Consciences.

AND it is further Resolved, That if by any Means said Regiments and Companies cannot be called together, and said Draft made, on the said twenty-seventh Day of *September*, that in that Case said Regiments and Companies be called together, and said Draft be made, on the twenty-eighth Day of *September* instant.

AND it is further Resolved, That the Field-Officers of the several Regiments of Militia, and Commanders of the several Independent, Alarm, and Artillery Companies, repair to the Town of *Providence* on *Monday* the twenty-ninth Day of *September* inst. then and there to receive the Orders of the Council of War, or General *Spencer*.

IT is further Resolved, That Copies hereof be forthwith transmitted to the Colonels of the several Regiments of Militia, and Commanders of Independent, Alarm, and Artillery Companies, within this State.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Assembly, ^{Assembly to} which is by Law to be holden on the last *Wednesday* of *October* ^{convene at} *Providence* in ^{next, October next.}

September, 1777.

next, convene at *Providence* on the last *Monday* of *October* next for the Despatch of Business: Any Law, to the Contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned, to the last *Saturday* in *October* next, at *Providence*; and if not called before, nor at said Time, that the same be then dissolved.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

Published according to Order, on Friday the Third Day of October, A. D. 1777, by

HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS *Henry Ward Sec'y*

AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of
the STATE of *Rhode-Island*
and *Providence Plantations*, begun
and holden at *Providence*, within
and for the State aforesaid, on *Mon-*
day the Twenty-seventh Day of
October, in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire,

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

JOHN SAYLES, Esq;

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM WEST, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

PARDON GRAY, Esq;

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

Assistants.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq*;
 Christopher Ellery, *Esq*;
 Mr. Caleb Gardner,
 Mr. Thomas Rumreil,
 Mr. William Borden,
 Mr. Lemuel Wyatt.

PROVIDENCE:

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Uplike,
 Jabez Bowen, *Esq*;
 Theodore Foster, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH

NONE.

WARWICK:

William Greene, *Esq*;
 James Rhodes, *Esq*;
 Othniel Gorton, *Esq*;
 Mr. Waterman Tibbitts.

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, *Esq*;
 James Babcock, *Esq*;

NEW-SHOREHAM:

NONE.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*;
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq*;

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Samuel Babcock, *Esq*;
 Col. Samuel Segar.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq*;
 Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq*;

SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;
 Mr. Peleg Arnold.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, *Esq*;
 Timothy Hopkins, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. Daniel Owen,
 Capt. Asa Kimball.

CHARLESTOWN:

Col. Gideon Hoxfie,
 Mr. Robert Congdon.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;
 Judiah Ayllsworth, *Esq*;

COVENTRY:

Mr. Elihu Greene,
 Mr. Isaac Johnson.

EXETER:

George Pierce, *Esq*;

MIDDLETOWN:

NONE.

BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, *Esq*;
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

Mr. Isaac Manchester,
 Mr. William Cook.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;
 William Richmond, *Esq*;

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,
 Sylvester Child, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, *Esq*;
 George Peck, *Esq*;

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*;
 Robert Stanton, *Esq*;

CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, *Esq*;
 Gideon Comstock, *Esq*;

HOPKINTON:

John Maxson, *Esq*;
 George Thurston, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON:

John Waterman, *Esq*;
 Peleg Williams, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, *Esq*;
 Essek Hopkins, *Esq*;

BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, *Esq*;
 Nathaniel Martin, *Esq*;

The Hon. WILLIAM GREENE,
Esq; was chosen Speaker, and
 JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk
 of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in going Express to carry Acts of Assembly to the several Colonels of Militia and Commanders of Independent Companies in the County of *King's County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Two Pounds Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Beriah Waite*, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* be and he is hereby appointed, Auditor of all such Accounts as shall be referred to him by this Assembly, or the Council of War ; and that he be allowed Three Dollars *per Day*, while employed in the said Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ebenezer Slocum*, who was committed to Gaol in the County of *Providence* as a dangerous and suspected Person, be liberated therefrom : That he procure Sureties to the Satisfaction of either of the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. to be recognized with him : The Condition of which Recognizance shall be for his good Behaviour : That he shall hold no Correspondence with the Enemy ; and in general to demean himself as a good and faithful Subject of the *United States of America* ; and that the said *Ebenezer* be and remain in the Custody of the Sheriff for the County of *King's County*, until he shall procure Sureties, and recognize as aforesaid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *Jabez Bowen* be pointed to wait on Major-General *Spencer*, and request of him a Return of the Number of Men belonging to this State who assembled on the late Expedition ; and also the Number of Men now in Service within this State, and when the Time for which they enlisted will expire.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Shearman* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Lieut. Col. *William Barton*, for victualling a Number of Soldiers under his Command : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Seven Pounds Four Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Charles Shearman*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit ;

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October, 1777.

" I N Obedience to the Vote of the General Assembly, I did, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *September, A. D. 1777*, sell the old Court-House on *Little-Rest Hill*, in *South-Kingstown*, at public Vendue, to Mr. *Silas Niles*, who was the highest Bidder, for Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars, and have paid said Sum to the General-Treasurer, and have taken his Receipt for the same.

B E R I A H B R O W N, Sheriff."

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A N D the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

Treasurer to
pay *B. Under-*
wood's Bond
and Interest.

W H E R E A S *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; hath represented to this Assembly, That he is possessed of a Bond for Money heretofore lent to the State: That an Act of this Assembly was passed, requiring the Possessors of Bonds, &c. on Interest, to receive their Money out of the Treasury within a certain Time, and directing that no Interest should be allowed on the same after the Expiration of the said Time: And that he had no Knowledge of the said Act until many Months after the same was passed, which prevented his making Application for his Money and Interest within the Time limited; and there-upon requested this Assembly to allow him his Money and Interest to this Time: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay unto the said *Benjamin Underwood* the Money due on the said Bond, with Interest until this Time, out of the General-Treasury: Any Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

State of *J.*
Northup's Ac-
count.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Accounts, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, together with his Report thereon, which are as follow, *to wit*:

John Northup, Esq; One of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

To Amount of Cash you received of the	}	£ 4500 0 0
General-Treasurer, as per Certificate,		
dared <i>October 24, 1777</i> ,		
Balance due to <i>John Northup</i> ,		719 3 0
		£ 5219 3 0
		Creditor.

Creditor.

By your Account of Particulars, deducting	}	£ 5167 9 6
sundry Overcasts and Overcharges,		
By Amount of your Commissions, at	}	51 13 6
1 per Cent.		
		£ 5219 3 0

Providence, Oct. 25, 1777.

Errors excepted,

Per JOHN NORTHUP.

Providence, October 25, 1777. I have this Day finished the Examination of the foregoing Account, and carefully compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and find the Balance Seven Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Three Shillings due to John Northup.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted* ^{*J. Northup allowed £. 719 3s.*} *and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That the said Account be allowed ; and that the Balance thereof, being Seven Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Three Shillings lawful Money, be paid the said John Northup, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Nathan Barber be permitted to subscribe the Test or Declaration ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State. ^{*N. Barber permitted to take the Test.*}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of King's County, be and he is hereby directed to sell the personal Estate now in his Possession, late belonging to Charles Slocum deceased, at a public Vendue, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and that he pay the Money arising from the Sale thereof into the General-Treasury. ^{*B. Brown to sell the Effects of C. Slocum, deceased.*} *Provided nevertheless*, That if any Person who shall by Law be entitled to administer on the said Estate shall, within Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, appear and take out Letters of Administration on the same, in such Case the said Sheriff is directed to deliver Two-Third Parts of the said Estate to such Administrator, and take his Receipt for the same ; and dispose of the remaining Third Part at public Vendue at the Time aforementioned, and pay the Amount of the Sale thereof into the General-Treasury.

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W H E R E A S the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which by Law was to have been holden in the County of *King's County*, on the First *Monday* of *October* inst. in the County of *Bristol*, on the Second *Monday* of *October* inst. and in the County of *Kent*, on the Third *Monday* of *October* inst. did not sit, by Reason of the Non-attendance of the Justices of said Court: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Courts be revived; and that said Superior Court be holden in the County of *King's County*, on the Second *Monday* of *November* next; in the County of *Bristol*, in the Town of *Warren*, on the Third *Monday* of *November* next; in the County of *Kent*, on the Fourth *Monday* of *November* next: And that all Business pending in said Court, in either of said Counties, or at any former Court, which did not sit, and the Business thereof hath not been heard, be then heard and determined, in the respective Counties at the Times aforementioned: That the Grand and Petit Jurors who were to have attended said Court at the Times as by Law established, attend the same at the Times at which it is now ordered to be holden; and the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in said Counties are directed to issue Notifications to said Jurors accordingly; and if the Jurors are not drawn for any or either of said Courts, the several Towns within the County where such Neglect hath happened, are hereby empowered and directed forthwith to call Town Meetings and draft them accordingly.

IT is further Resolved, That all Business pending before said Superior Court, which was to have been held in the County of *Newport*, on the Third *Monday* of *September* last, be heard and determined before said Court, to be held in the County of *Bristol*, on the Third *Monday* of *November* next.

A N D it is further Resolved, That all Reasons of Appeal to said Court in either of said Counties, be filed on the Second Day of the Sitting of the same.

IT is further Resolved, That an Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, be holden by the Justices appointed for the County of *Newport*, at the *Friena's* Meeting-House in *Tiverton*, on the Second *Monday* of *December* next: That all Executions made returnable to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport*, be then and there returned: That all Writs and Processess be brought forward to the same Court in the same Manner as Actions were heretofore commenced to Inferior Courts of Common Pleas: That all and every Matter and Thing, which might
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or ought to be heard and determined by said Courts, be then heard and determined; and that Grand and Petit Jurors from any Part of the County of *Newport*, who are in *Tiverton* or *Little-Compton*; or who attend the said Courts, may be impaneled to sit as Jurors, who are by Law qualified, whose Estates lie upon *Rhode-Island*.

O R D E R E D, That this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Sayles*, *Ebenezer Thompson*, *Esek Hopkins*, *Job Randall* and *Gideon Comstock*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Causes of the Miscarriage of the late Expedition against the Island of *Rhode-Island*: That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; attend as their Clerk: That they make Application to Major-General *Spencer* for Information respecting the same; and that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Committee to enquire into the Failure of the late Expedition.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Robert Stanton*, One of the Town-Council of *Richmond*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash by him paid to *Stephen Willcox*, for attending at *Boston Neck*, to do Duty in the Room of *John Knowles*, jun. a draughted Soldier, who had no Estate to be found, and for his Fees for performing that Service: And the said Account having been duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Two Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Robert Stanton*, out of the General-Treasury.

R. Stanton allowed £2.

W H E R E A S *Christopher Smith*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Fifteen Months Brigade raised by this State: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Seventy-seven Pounds Four Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Christopher Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

C. Smith allowed £77 4s.

W H E R E A S Capt. *Thomas Hughes* laid before this Assembly a Memorandum of sundry Articles of Clothing wanted for the Soldiers in Col. *Greene's* and Col. *Angell's* Battalions: Which being considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Hughes* have an Order on *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; for the said Clothing, agreeable to his Memorandum.

D. Tillinghast to deliver Clothing, &c.

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Committee to confer with Gen. *Spencer*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins* and *Henry Ward*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with Major-General *Spencer*, respecting the best Method of supplying the Troops now in Service within this State; and that they request Gen. *Spencer* to take the Prisoners of War now in Gaol under his Care and Direction.

Field-Officers of the Militia to hold Courts-Martial. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Field-Officers of the several Regiments of Militia, in the late Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, be empowered and directed to call Courts-Martial for the Trial of Deserters from the said Regiments: That they pass and execute Sentence agreeable to the Articles of War established by Congress and adopted by this State, in the same Manner as though the said Courts had been convened and Sentence passed before the Time of their Service expired.

P. Phillips to draw £600. out of the Treasury. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be and he is hereby permitted to draw out of the General-Treasury, the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds lawful Money, towards paying the Charges of carting Stores for the late Expedition designed against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*; which Sum he is to account for to this State.

D. Tillinghast to deliver Clothing. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Thomas Hughes* receive of *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Two Coats and One Pair of Breeches, in Addition to the Clothing before ordered, for the Use of the Continental Soldiers raised by this State.

L. Peck allowed £3 12 s. W H E R E A S Mr. *Loring Peck* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding and nursing *Samuel Martin*, a sick Soldier in Capt. *Carr's* Company: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds Twelve Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Loring Peck*, out of the General-Treasury.

Gen. *Spencer* to purchase Necessaries for the Army upon the best Terms, &c. W H E R E A S it hath been represented unto this Assembly by the Deputy Quarter-Master-General, by Order of Gen. *Spencer*, That such hath been the Rise of every Article with which the Soldiers within this State are furnished, that it is impossible to procure the same at the Price as heretofore fixed by this Assembly, without impressing the said Articles, in which Way the same has been supplied for some Time past: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Major-General *Spencer* be requested to give Orders for purchasing such necessary

necessary Articles as the Army within this State may require, at the most reasonable Prices at which they may be procured : And if any Deduction shall be made in the Accounts of Articles so furnished, this State will pay any Sum that shall be so deducted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Underwood, Mary Underwood, Abigail Holloway, Polly Holloway, Dorcas Easton, Catherine M'Kinzie, Mary Fowler, Sarah Greene, Hannah Weeden, Hannah Weeden, jun. Peleg Weeden, Phæbe Weeden, Damaris Weeden, Mrs. Grozart and her Two Children, Sarah Sweet, Daughter of Samuel Sweet, and Elizabeth Thurston, be permitted to go in a Flag of Truce from North-Kingstown to the Island of Conanicut, under the Care of the Commanding-Officer in the Town of North-Kingstown, with their wearing Apparel : That Joseph Underwood and Sarah Greene be permitted to carry each Two Beds, with the necessary Bed Clothes : That the said Flag do not proceed until Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and that the same be transacted without any Expence to the State.

W H E R E A S Mrs. Isabel Marchant, late of Newport, now of Hopkinton, Widow, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That some Time since she lent the General-Treasurer a Sum of Money to supply the Necessities of Government, upon a very pressing Occasion ; and that she hath now an Opportunity of making Use of the same to her Advantage : And thereupon prayed this Assembly that the General-Treasurer might be directed to pay her the said Sum, by her lent, with the Interest due thereon :

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Sayles, Ebenezer Thompson, Esqrs. they, or any Three of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to meet with the Committees (if any shall be appointed by the States of Massachusetts-Bay and Connecticut) to inquire into the Grounds and Reasons of the Miscarriage of the late Expedition against the Enemy on Rhode-Island.

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W H E R E A S by a Resolve of this Assembly passed at the last Session, the Persons who had received the Salt proportioned to the several Towns were required to pay the

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Amount thereof into the Treasury ; and all Persons who had received Money, either for purchasing of Guns, or inlisting of Men into the Continental Battalions or Fifteen Months Regiments, were required to render an Account thereof to the Council of War within Thirty Days : And it having been represented to this Assembly, that said Time was insufficient for the Purpose aforesaid : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That a further Time of Thirty Days, from the First Day of November inst. be allowed for the Purpose aforesaid : And if any Person shall neglect within said Time to pay said Money for said Salt, or for Iron and Flour, which have been proportioned and received by them in Behalf of their respective Towns, or render an Account of the Money by him received as aforesaid to the Council of War, and pay the Balance in his Hands (if any) into the Treasury, the Attorney-General is directed to commence an Action against such Delinquent to the first Court proper to try the same.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

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Money of the
State to be
called in by
Taxes.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Whole and every Part and Parcel of the Bills of public Credit emitted by this State and not on Interest (small Change less than a Dollar only excepted) shall be called in and sunk by a Tax or Taxes, to be assessed upon the Polls and Estates, both real and personal, within this State ; and to be paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

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WH E R E A S, owing to divers Causes, it hath happened, that several Town-Councils in this State have not yet collected the Monies due from their several Delinquents, who were draughted to do Duty in the late intended Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, and in whose Stead they hired Persons : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Town-Councils in this State be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to collect the Sums due from the Delinquents, and to issue Warrants of Distraint against them, agreeable to the Act of the General Assembly for draughting Men for the said Expedition, and to the Order of the Council of War of the Twenty-ninth of *September* last, respecting the said Expedition : And that such Warrants of Distraint shall be returnable in Twenty Days after the issuing thereof, and be as valid,

valid, to all Intents and Purposes, and be executed in the same Manner, as though they had been issued and executed within the Time prescribed by the said Act.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major-General *Spencer* be Gen. Spencer to and he is hereby requested to make Application to his Excellency Governor *Trumbull* for Permission to retain the Regiment Col. Ely's Regiment. under the Command of Col. *Ely* within this State, until the Quota of Troops to be furnished by the State of *Connecticut* shall arrive ; and that he be requested to detain the said Regiment until he can receive an Answer from his Excellency.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Thousand Pair of good Stockings to be Yarn Stockings be furnished by the several Towns within furnished by this State, for the Use of the Soldiers, agreeable to the following Apportionment, *to wit* : the several Towns.

	Pair.		Pair.
<i>Providence,</i>	136	<i>Bristol,</i>	28
<i>Warwick,</i>	60	<i>Tiverton,</i>	44
<i>Westerly,</i>	36	<i>Little-Compton,</i>	40
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	56	<i>Warren,</i>	12
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	108	<i>Cumberland,</i>	28
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	32	<i>Richmond,</i>	24
<i>Smithfield,</i>	64	<i>Cranston,</i>	44
<i>Scituate,</i>	48	<i>Hopkinton,</i>	32
<i>Gloucester,</i>	40	<i>Johnston,</i>	20
<i>Charlestown,</i>	28	<i>North-Providence,</i>	20
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	24	<i>Barrington,</i>	16
<i>Coventry,</i>	28		
<i>Exeter,</i>	32		1000

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Collectors of Taxes within this State be and they are hereby appointed to purchase said Stockings, proportioned to their respective Towns, upon the best Terms they can be procured : And that they purchase and deliver the same to either of the Committees of Safety within this State, by the First Day of *December* next : And if the same cannot be purchased upon reasonable Terms, the said Collectors are empowered to impress the said Stockings, and allow a reasonable Price for the same : And the said Collectors are directed to exhibit their Accounts to the Council of War for Adjustment.

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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Copies hereof be immediately transmitted to the several Collectors of Taxes within this State.

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Town-Councils to appoint Persons to supply the Families of Officers and Soldiers.

WHEREAS, by a Resolve of this Assembly, the Families of Officers, to the Amount of One Quarter Part of their Wages, and the Families of Soldiers, to the Amount of their Wages, should be furnished with such necessary Articles as are enumerated in the Act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, at the Prices affixed in said Act ; and the Town-Councils of the several Towns within this State were directed to appoint Persons within their respective Towns to purchase and furnish the said Families with the Necessaries aforesaid. And whereas the Town-Councils of some of the said Towns have neglected to appoint Persons for the Purpose aforesaid, and in some of the Towns the Persons who have been appointed have neglected to execute the Trust reposed in them: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That if any Town-Council shall neglect to appoint Persons for the Purpose aforesaid, within Fifteen Days after the Rising of this Assembly, they shall pay as a Fine, each Member thereof, Six Pounds lawful Money, to and for the Use of this State : And if any Person who shall be so appointed, shall refuse or neglect to accept and do the Duty thereof, he shall pay as a Fine, to and for the Use of this State, Fifteen Pounds lawful Money ; which Fines are to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State.*

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That upon a Certificate being produced, from the Town-Clerk of the respective Towns, of the Families, and the Numbers of which they consist, to be supplied, agreeable to said Resolve, to the Council of War, the said Council are hereby empowered to order, the Persons who shall be appointed as aforesaid, such Sums of Money as shall be necessary for furnishing said Families, agreeable to the Intent and Meaning of said Resolve.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy hereof be immediately transmitted to the several Town-Councils within this State.

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Clothing ordered for the Fifteen Months Brigade.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Colonels Elliott, Stanton and Crary, make immediate Returns to the Council of War of all Clothing which they have received, and of the Deficiency of

of Clothing due to their Regiments; and that the Colonels *Stanton* and *Crary* receive each immediately of the Committees, of Safety, or of Capt. *Paul Allen*, One Hundred Pair of Shoes, One Hundred Pair of Stockings, Fifty Pair of Breeches, Fifty Shirts, Fifty Coats; and Seventy-two Hats, to be distributed to their Men for supplying their present Necessities.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be R. J. Helme allowed 18s. per Day. Eighteen Shillings for each Day's Attendance on the General Assembly, or Council of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all those Persons who live Grain, &c. to be removed from Boston Neck and Point Judith. on *Boston Neck* and *Point-Judith*, and other exposed Parts of the Sea-Coast in this State, be directed to remove immediately all their Butter, Cheefe, Corn, and other Grain (excepting what shall be necessary for the Use of their Families) Three Miles back from the Salt-Water; and that Col. *Charles Dyre* be and he is hereby appointed and fully empowered to see the same done.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; the Hon. *William Greene*, Esq; *John Tanner*, *Ebenezer Thompson*, *Daniel Caboone*, *James Arnold*, *Henry Ward*, *Thomas Rumreil*, *Samuel Babcock*, *Joshua Babcock*, *Gideon Hoxsie*, *Cromel Child*, *Job Comstock*, *Gideon Comstock* and *John Updike*, Esqrs. be the Members of the Council of War, to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, agreeable to the Act establishing the said Council. Council of War appointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *James Congdon*, 3d. be and J. Congdon, 3d. to draw £500. he is hereby empowered to draw Five Hundred Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, as one of the Committee of Safety.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Northup*, Esq; as one J. Northup to draw £500. of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S *John Sayles*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Six J. Sayles allowed £36. Small-Arms and Bayonets delivered *Daniel Mowry*, Esq; for the Use of the Militia in the Town of *Smithfield*, who were drafted to do Duty in the late Expedition against *Rhode-Island*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirty-six Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Sayles*, out of the General-Treasury.

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One Half the
remaining Part
of the Militia,
&c. called out.

W H E R E A S by a Resolve of this Assembly passed at the last Session, One Half of the Militia, Independent, Artillery and Alarm Companies within this State were draughted, and have done Duty for One Month ; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the remaining Half Part of said Militia, Independent, Artillery and Alarm Companies, be draughted into Two Divisions, on the Sixth Day of *November* inst. That on the Seventh Day of *November* inst. one of the said Divisions, being first formed into Companies, and having proper Officers assigned to command them by the Field-Officers of the said Regiments of Militia, and Commanders of Independent, Artillery and Alarm Companies, shall march to such Place or Places as shall be ordered by Gen. *Spencer*, or his Successor in Command, and do Duty for the Space of Thirty Days from the said Seventh Day of *November* inst.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That each non-commissioned Officer and Private, who shall be draughted and do Duty as aforesaid, shall be allowed as a Bounty Forty Shillings, and the same Wages as are allowed the non-commissioned Officers and Privates in the Continental Service.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the other Division of said Militia, Independent, Artillery and Alarm Companies, be formed into Companies, and officered as aforesaid; and that they march to such Place or Places as shall be directed by Gen. *Spencer*, or his Successor in Command, on the Sixth Day of *December* next, and do Duty for the Space of Thirty Days, unless discharged or counterordered by the General Assembly, or Council of War, and be entitled to the same Bounty and Wages as the said First Division. And the said Field-Officers, and Commanders of Companies, are required on the said Sixth Day of *November* to cause said Draught then to be made upon the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered for the Use of this State.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Person who shall be draughted as aforesaid shall neglect to do Duty, or hire a Man to do his Tour of Duty, the Town-Council of the Town in which such Person shall reside, are empowered to hire a Man in the Room of such delinquent Person, and to provide in Manner as is directed by an Act for the Relief of Persons of tender Conscience, if the delinquent Person be adjudged by such Town-Council of sufficient Ability to bear the Expence thereof; or otherwise the said Field-Officers are empowered and directed to proceed in Manner as is directed by a Resolve of the Council of War, of the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* last.

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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Towns which have furnished their Quota of the Men assigned them for filling up the Brigade raised by this State, for Fifteen Months, or any Part thereof, shall have Credit and be excused from an equal Number of Men now ordered out to do their Tour of Duty, to be drawn by Lot from those of the respective Towns who may be draughted by Virtue of this Resolve.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Field-Officers of said Regiments be directed to cause all such able-bodied Men as were draughted to go upon the late intended Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, who did not do Duty themselves, and in whose Stead some other Person did not do Duty, to do their Tour of Duty with the First Division now ordered out.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Copies of this Act be immediately transmitted to the Colonels of said Regiments, and Commanders of said Independent Companies.



WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to *South-Kingstown*, to attend the General Assembly as Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Lyndon allowed £3 15s 6d.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire in attending at the Two last Sessions of this Assembly as Assistant Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Seven Pounds Two Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Channing allowed £7 2s

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Members of the Council of War be allowed Twelve Shillings *per* Day.

Council of War allowed 12 s. *per* Day

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Council of War be and they are hereby directed to appoint suitable Persons to apply to the neighbouring States, and request of them to send their respective Quotas of Troops to defend the Shores of this State; and Suitable Persons to be appointed to apply to the neighbouring States.

and to remonstrate to the State of *Connecticut* against a late Act of the said State, laying an Embargo on Provisions within the same.

J. Stanton, jun. 15^s. **W H E R E A S** Col. *Joseph Stanton, jun.* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Clothing by him supplied to a Defenter from the Fifty-fourth *British* Regiment, who swam off *Rhode-Island* entirely naked: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business 'lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of each County in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the First Monday of *December* next, then to meet at *East-Greenwich*.

G O D save the *United States* of **A M E R I C A.**

Published according to Order, on Tuesday the Eleventh Day of November, A. D. 1777.

By **HENRY WARD**, *Sec'ry.*

A true C O P Y, duly examined:

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Sec'y

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the STATE of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on Monday the First Day of *December*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; Dep. Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM WEST, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

PARDON GRAY, Esq;

} Assistants.

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; SPEAKER.

NEWPORT:

Mr. Thomas Rumreil,
Mr. William Borden.

PROVIDENCE:

John Updike, Esq;
Jabez Bowen, Esq;
Theodore Foster, Esq.

PORTSMOUTH:

N O N E.

WARWICK:

Mr. James Rhodes,
Othniel Gorton, Esq;
Mr. Waterman Tibbits.

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, Esq;
James Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

N O N E.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, Esq;
Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Samuel Babcock, Esq;
Samuel Eagar, Esq.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, Esq;
Thomas Tillinghast, Esq.

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr.

SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, Esq;
Mr. Peleg Arno'd.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, Esq;
Timothy Hopkins, Esq.

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. Daniel Owen,
Capt. Asa Kimball.

CHARLESTOWN:

Gideon Hoxie, Esq;
Mr. Robert Congdon.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Elihu Greene,
Mr. Isaac Johnston.

EXETER:

George Peirce, Esq.

MIDDLETOWN:

N O N E.

BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, Esq.

TIVERTON:

Mr. Isaac Manchester,
Mr. William Cooke.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Mr. Nathaniel Searle,
William Richmond, Esq.

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,
Sylvester Child, Esq.

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, Esq;
George Peck, Esq.

RICHMOND:

Edward Petry, Esq;
Mr. Robert Stanton.

CRANSTON:

Gideon Comstock, Esq.

HOPKINTON:

John Maxson, Esq;
George Thurston, Esq.

JOHNSTON:

John Waterman, Esq;
Peleg Williams, Esq.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Erick Hopkins, Esq.

BARRINGTON:

N O N E.

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

The following Resolution of the Most Honorable Continental CONGRESS being read :

Thursday the 18th instant to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving.

" In CONGRESS, Nov. 1st, 1777.

"FORASMUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty GOD ; to acknowledge, with Gratitude, their Obligation to him for Benefits received ; and to implore such further Blessings as they stand in Need of--- And it having pleased him, in his abundant Mercy, not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence, but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a just and necessary War, for the Defence and Establishment of our unalienable Rights and Liberties : Particularly in that he hath been pleased, in so great a Measure, to prosper the Means used for the Support of our Troops, and to crown our Arms with most signal Success.

" IT is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive Powers of these *United States*, to set apart *Thursday*, the eighteenth Day of *December* next, for solemn Thanksgiving and Praise---That at one Time, and with one Voice, the good People may express the grateful Feelings of their Hearts, and consecrate themselves to the Service of their divine Benefactor, and that, together with their sincere Acknowledgments and Offerings, they may join the penitent Confession of their manifold Sins, whereby they had forfeited every Favour ; and their humble and earnest Supplication that it may please God, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of Remembrance : That it may please him graciously to afford his Blessing on the Governments of these States respectively, and prosper the public Council of the whole. To inspire our Commanders both by Land and Sea, and all under them, with that Wisdom and Fortitude which may render them fit Instruments, under the Providence of Almighty God, to secure for these *United States* the greatest of all human

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man Blessings, *Independence and Peace*. That it may please him to prosper the Trade and Manufactures of the People, and the Labour of the Husbandman, that our Land may yield its Increase. To take Schools and Seminaries of Education, so necessary for cultivating the Principles of true Liberry, Virtue and Piety, under his nurturing Hand ; and to prosper the Means of Religion for the Promotion and Enlargement of that Kingdom which consisteth " in *Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost.*"

"AND it is further recommended that servile Labour, and such Recreation as though at other Times innocent, may be unbecoming the Purpose of this Appointment, may be omitted on so solemn an Occasion.

Extract from the Minutes,

CHA. THOMPSON, *Sec'ry.*"

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thursday* the eighteenth Day of *December* instant be set apart for a Day of solemn Thanksgiving and Praise, throughout this State, agreeable to the above Resolve ; and that all servile Labour and Recreation is forbidden on that Day ; and his Excellency the Governor is desired to issue a Proclamation accordingly.

Petition respecting the Fishery in Pawcatuck River.

WHEREAS upon the Petition of a Number or the Inhabitants of *Westerly* and *Hopkinton*, this Assembly at *May* Session, A. D. 1768, passed an Act prohibiting the drawing Seines in *Pawcatuck* River, for the catching the Fish called Alewives, from a Point known at that Time by the Name of *Gardner's* Point, and since by the Name of *Rhodes's* Point, and up said River so far as it extends ; which Petition was preferred and granted ; in Expectation that, upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Stonington*, the Assembly of *Connecticut* would pass a similar Act ; which at that Time they did not think proper to do : That in Consequence of their Neglect for three Years, the Inhabitants of *Westerly* and *Hopkinton* did petition this Assembly for a Repeal of the said Act, which was repealed accordingly : And that the Inhabitants

of

of *Stonington* have again petitioned the Assembly of the State of *Connecticut* respecting the said Fishery, who have passed an Act similar to the aforesaid Act of this State passed in *May*, 1768. And thereupon the said Petitioners prayed this Assembly to revive the said Act passed at *May* Session, 1768, prohibiting the drawing of Seines in *Pawcatuck* River for the catching of Alewives.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted; and that the Act of this Assembly made for repealing an Act, entituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the Fish from being interrupted in their Course up *Pawcatuck*, alias *Narraganset* River," be, and the same is hereby, repealed: And that the said Act, for preventing the Fish from being interrupted in their Course up said River, be, and the same is hereby, declared in full Force.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons now on board the Flag of Truce from *Newport*, be permitted to land at *Warwick-Neck* or *Pawtuxet*: And that *Thomas Cook*, jun *Godfrey Brown* and *Henry Northup*, be immediately landed and brought before this Assembly.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeoffery Willcox*, by a Vote of this House, is not received as a Member thereof, being suspected to be unfriendly to this State: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the Freemen of the Town of *Exeter* be, and they are hereby, directed and empowered, to chuse another Deputy, in his Room, to represent said Town in this Assembly.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, That there are coarse woollen Cloths, Stockings and Linen, to be disposed of, at *Newbury-Port*, on reasonable Terms, for the Use of the Army: And whereas the Soldiers belonging to this State are in great Want of Cloathing: *It is therefore Voted*

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Persons on board the Flag to land at *Warwick-Neck* or *Pawtuxet*.

Town of *Exeter* to elect a Deputy in the Room of *J Willcox* who is rejected.

J. Reynolds to purchase Cloathing, and to draw £ 3000 out of the General Treasury.

and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered in Behalf of this State, to proceed to *Newbury-Port*, and purchase such Articles as may be suitable for the Purpose aforesaid; and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General Treasury a Sum not exceeding three Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, for executing said Business.

Act altering
the Times of
filing Declara-
tions, &c. to
Providence Infe-
rior Court.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Declarations to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be holden in *Providence* on the third *Monday* of *December* current, may be filed and received by the Clerk of said Court at any Time before the second *Wednesday* of this current *December*: And that Answers to any of said Declarations may be filed the first or second Day of the Sitting of said Court: Any Law or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

J. Hayes' relig-
ion accept-
ed.

WHEREAS *Jonathan Hayes*, a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Artillery raised by this State, prayed this Assembly to be discharged and dismissed from the Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said *Jonathan Hayes* be, and the same is hereby, granted.

W. Donnison's
and *T. Carlile's*
resignation ac-
cepted.

WHEREAS *William Donnison*, Adjutant, and *Thomas Carlile* Captain-Lieutenant in the Regiment of Artillery raised by this State, prayed this Assembly to be discharged and dismissed from the Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said *William Donnison* and *Thomas Carlile* be, and the same is hereby, granted.

J. Greenman's
Petition grant-
ed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Greenman* late of *Newport*, but now residing in *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he was wounded on *Prudence-Island* some Time past, being then a Soldier in the Service of this State, by which wound he hath entirely lost the Use of one Leg

Leg and become a Cripple ; that he hath a Wife and Family of small Children to support ; and no Estate, nor any Thing but what this Assembly have been pleased to grant him, and which he is very thankful for : And that every necessary Support of Life is become very scarce and dear, which makes his Case still more distressing : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take the subject Matter of this Petition into Consideration, and grant him some further Relief ; as also every Benefit and Favour with the Families of Soldiers in the Continental Service, by being furnished with the Necessaries of Life, for his Family at the stated Price.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of *North-Kingsdown*, appointed to procure Necessaries for the Soldiers at the stated Prices, be, and they are hereby, directed and empowered, to receive of the Petitioner *Job Greenman* all such Money as he shall receive as a Pension from this State ; and therewith procure for him such Necessaries as he shall have Occasion for, at the Price lately stated by this State, to the Amount of twenty Shillings per Month.

WHEREAS *John Reynolds*, Esq; who was employed to purchase Cloathing for this State, laid before this Assembly the following Certificate, *viz.*

J. Reynolds allowed £. 137. 17.

THIS may certify, That in settling the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; I found he had charged five per Cent. Commissions, which I could not allow, and was ordered by the Hon'ble the Council of War to deduct the whole Sum, amounting to one Hundred and thirty-seven Pounds, seventeen Shillings, out of his Account, and leave that Matter to be ascertained by the General Assembly, which Sum I deducted accordingly.

Nathaniel Mumford.

Providence, Nov. 18, 1777.

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WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Sum of one Hundred and thirty-seven Pounds, and seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *John Reynolds*, out of the General Treasury.

£. 300 lent to
P. Phillips.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury ; and that he repay the same as soon as may be.

Upon the Peti-
tion of *S. Seager*, &c. the
Town-Council
of *South-Kings-*
town to be cited.

WHEREAS upon the Petition of *Samuel Seager*, *Stephen Champlin* and *Freeman Perry*, at the last Session of this Assembly, *It was Resolved*, That the same be referred to the then next Session of Assembly ; and that in the mean Time the Members of the Town-Council of the Town of *South-Kingstown* be cited then to appear to answer the same : And whereas the Time for issuing Citations hath elapsed, and none hath as yet issued, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That a Citation be issued immediately, and returned to this Assembly at their present Session ; and that the same be served by the Sheriff for the County of *Kent*, or by his Deputy.

J Reynolds al-
lowed 5 per
Cent. Commis-
sions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; be allowed five per Cent. Commissions for the Cloathing heretofore purchased by him in Behalf of this State.

S. Andrews al-
lowed £. 13
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WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Andrews* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Use of his Lighter in freighting Bricks to *Howland's Ferry*, for billeting the Hands that went in her, and for five Thousand Bricks by him furnished for the Use of the State : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being thirteen Pounds, three Shillings, and three Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Samuel Andrews*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS this Assembly is informed that the *W. Taggart* to Farm and Appurtenances in *Little Compton*, sold by *Col. Thomas Church* to *Mr. Gideon Sisson*, is still in the Possession of said *Col. Church*, but who proposes to give up the Possession thereof soon ; and as it does not appear that *Mr. Sisson* has empowered any Person to take the Possession of said Farm : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Col. William Richmond* be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive the Possession of said Farm and Appurtenances, and deliver the same to *Capt. William Taggart* on the twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, to improve the same for his own Advantage to support himself and Family Rent free ; that he hold the Possession thereof, one Year or longer, at the Pleasure of the General Assembly : And that said *William Taggart* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for the Support of himself and Family the ensuing Winter, as a Gratuity for his Sufferings and Damages sustained by his extraordinary Exertions in Behalf of, and for the Advantage of this State, in the late intended Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*.

WHEREAS *Mr. James Dexter*, President of the Town-Council of *Cumberland*, in Behalf of said Town-Council, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That one *Levi Arnold* of said *Cumberland*, on the third Day of *March* last past, did take the Affirmation prescribed by Law for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and did make the same known to *Major John Fiske* of said *Cumberland*, by which Means he the said *Levi* was put into the Alarm Company commanded by *Capt. Joseph Brown* : That the said *Levi Arnold* did not make known his taking said Affirmation (as by Law he ought) unto *Amos Whipple*, Captain of the second Company of Militia for said Town of *Cumberland*, to which he did belong ; wherefore he the said *Levi* stood a Chance to be drafted both in the said Alarm and Militia Companies, and was actually drafted

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ed in the said Capt. *Whipple's* Company of Militia, to go upon the late intended Expedition to *Rhode-Island*; and his Name returned by the said Capt. *Whipple*, to the Town-Council aforesaid, in order that a Man should be hired in the Room of the said *Levi Arnold*: That the said Town-Council, as also the said Capt. *Amos Whipple*, were altogether unacquainted with the Proceedings of the said *Levi Arnold*, and therefore did Hire one *Stephen Willcox* for twenty-six Pounds, lawful Money, to supply the Place of the said *Levi Arnold*: And that thereupon the said *Levi* applied to the Council of War, who after citing the Parties before them, and on due Consideration (though the said Council of War did not blame either the said Capt. *Whipple* or the Town-Council) yet they adjudged the said *Levi Arnold* to belong to the Alarm Company; in Consequence of which the said Town-Council of *Cumberland* cannot recover their Money of the said *Levi Arnold*. And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them the Sum they have paid to the said *Stephen Willcox* as aforesaid, out of the General Treasury.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted; and that the said Town-Council be empowered to draw twenty-six Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury.

Col. *Richmond*
to collect the
Money arising
from the Sale
of Cattle and
Sheep, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *William Richmond* be, and he is hereby, empowered to collect the Money arising from the Sale of Cattle and Sheep, belonging to *Gervas Elam*, late of *Portsmouth*, deceased, and *Metcalf Bowler*, which were brought from *Rhode-Island* upon the Appearance of the Enemy's Fleet in *December* last, and that he pay the same into the Treasury.

M. Spencer's Pe-
tition granted,

WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Spencer* of *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, Widow, preferred a Petition,

Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That her late Husband was drafted a Soldier in the late *secret* Expedition to *Newport* ; but being taken Sick was unable to perform said Service, of which Sickness he died, as did also her eldest Son before the Return of the Troops : And that the Town-Council of *East-Greenwich* hired a Man in the Room of her late Husband for the Sum of one Hundred Dollars, which Sum she is unable to satisfy and pay ; she possessing but a poor Farm, scarcely sufficient for the Maintenance of her Family, and being left with six Children to support and bring up : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to pity her distressed Situation, and grant her Relief in the Premises.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Council of *East-Greenwich* be, and they are hereby, empowered to draw out of the General Treasury the Sum of one Hundred Dollars for Payment of the Man hired as aforesaid.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Northup*, *J. Northup* to Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw six- draw £. 60 ty Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, as one of the Committee of Safety. lawful Money, out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Farm in the Town of *Exeter*, heretofore taken Possession of in Behalf of this State, and leased to *David Austin*, be leased to Mr. *Samuel Carr* ; and that Possession be delivered him on the twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, at which Time the said *David's* Lease expires ; and that the Rent be fixed by the Committee, hereafter to be appointed, for that Purpose. Farm in *Exeter* to be leased to *S. Carr*.

WHEREAS a great Uneasiness prevails among Officers in the the Officers and Soldiers belonging to the Brigade raised for fifteen Months, and doing Duty in this State, for want of Clothes and other Necessaries : Brigade to be furnished with Clothes, Sauce, Sugar, &c. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers and Soldiers be punctually supplied with the Clothes

Clothes now due to them, by Agreement, as soon as may be : And that those non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who have received Money in Lieu of Cloathing, or who are destitute of any Articles of Cloathing, and which are not due to them by Contract, be furnished therewith by either of the Committees of Safety within this State, at the Prices at which Cloathing was fixed, and which have been paid in Lieu of the same : And the said Committees of Safety are hereby directed to furnish them accordingly : *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That said Brigade be furnished with fifty Pounds Weight of Sugar per Hundred Men per Week, in Lieu of Butter and Molasses, and with Sauce according to Continental Rations : That the same be purchased under the Direction of the Commanding Officers of the Regiments in said Brigade : And that they apply to the Council of War for such Sums of Money as will be necessary for procuring the same.

Real Estates of delinquents to be leased by the Town-Councils.

WHEREAS, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly, the Town-Council of the several Towns within this State have hired Men in the Room of Persons who have been drafted, and neglected to do Duty : And whereas some of the Persons so drafted, and neglecting to do Duty as aforesaid, have no Goods or Chattles, or have concealed the same, so that a Warrant of Distress, issued agreeable to said Resolve, cannot be satisfied : And it having been represented that some of the said Persons are seized of large real Estates : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Town-Councils be, and they are hereby; empowered to take possession of the real Estates of such Persons, and Lease the same ; or cut as much Wood upon the same, and dispose thereof, as will be sufficient to satisfy the Money expended in hiring the Men to do Duty in their Room ; unless the Persons who have been drafted, and neglected to do Duty, shall, upon Notice hereof, otherwise discharge the same.

W. Raymond permitted to subscribe the Text.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Raymond*, of Gloucester, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly,

sembly, That living in a remote Part of the Town, and not frequently attending Town-Meetings, and being Absent at the Time the Freemen subscribed the Test-Act, and not knowing there was such an Act, he lost the Benefit of signing the same, whereby he suffers many Inconveniencies, and is wholly deprived of prosecuting or defending any Law-Suit : And that he is under the Necessity of defending a Suit, now brought against him, to be answered at *December Term* ; and unless he has the Benefit of signing the Test must suffer Default, and be obliged to pay heavy Cost : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take the Matter into Consideration, and grant him the Benefit of signing the Test, notwithstanding it has been inadvertently neglected.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

WHEREAS this State hath not received that Benefit from the Company of Boatmen, who were enlisted under the Command of Major *Nathan Munro*, as was expected when they were ordered to be raised ; and they are very expensive : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Company, both Officers and Men, be disbanded and dismissed from the Service of this State within twenty Days next after the Rising of this Assembly : And that General *Spencer* have Notice hereof, that in the mean Time he may collect all the Boats that have been taken into Continental Service by him, and return them to the several Places they have been taken from.

Company of
Boatmen dismissed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff, for the County of *King's-County*, forthwith take Possession of the Farm in *North-Kingstown*, late belonging to *Gervas Elam*, in Behalf of this State ; that he prevent any waste being committed on the same ; and that Mr. *Thomas Hazzard*, who is at present in Possession of said Estate, account with the State for the Rents and Profits of the same.

Sheriff of
King's-County to
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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Sheriff take Possession of a certain Farm in *South-Kingstown*, in Behalf of this State, belonging to *Stephen Ayrault*; that the Tenant who is in Possession thereof account for the Rents and Profits of the same with this State: That the said Sheriff also take Possession of a Farm in *South-Kingstown*, belonging to *Gideon Sisson*, in Behalf of this State; and that the Tenant account for the Rents.

Col. Crary to be furnished with two Hogsheds of Sugar, and £. 100 to buy Sauce.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Crary be empowered to draw one Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for purchasing Sauce for the Use of the Troops of his Regiment, and of the Regiment under the Command of Col. Barton, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly: That *William Bennet*, who is in Possession of the Sugar belonging to this State, deliver to Colonel Crary two Hogsheds thereof for the same Purpose; and that Col. Crary account therefor to this Assembly, or, in the Recess thereof, to the Council of War.

H. Ward's Petition granted.

WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq; preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That some Time since, Major *Morrison* at *Newport* sent a Barrel of Flour, a Bag of Coffee, two Pounds of Tea, and two Loaves of Sugar, for the Use of Lieutenant-Colonel *Campbell*, who is a Prisoner at *Concord*, and addressed them to his Care; that, upon his receiving the Letter, he enquired of Commodore *Whipple* whether Col. *Campbell's* Things were taken Care of, who informed him that he had put them into Col. *Tillinghast's* Store: That he immediately wrote to Col. *Campbell* that he had them in Possession: That when he had an Opportunity of sending them to *Boston*, the Tea and Sugar were missing: That, upon further Inquiry, it appeared that Commodore *Whipple* did not know any Thing of the Tea and Sugar: That he then laid the Matter before the Council of War, who sent for Lieut. *Baron*, being the Officer appointed to take Charge of the Flag which brought those Articles: And that Lieut. *Baron*

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rm told the Council that Mr. *Cozzens*, who came up in the Flag, informed him of the Articles for Col. *Campbell*, and desired him to take Charge of them, but that he did not look upon himself obliged to take any Care of them ; and as soon as the Vessel struck the Wharf, quitted her, and went about his own Business, leaving those Things among the Furniture and Baggage of upwards of forty Persons who were Passengers in the Flag, by which Means the Tea and Sugar were lost : And thereupon the said *Henry Ward* prayed this Assembly that he may be empowered to supply him with those Articles ; and that the Expence of it may be paid out of the General Treasury.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be. and the same is hereby, granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Church* of *Charlestown*, *C. Church's Petition granted.* in the County of *King's-County*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That being indebted to *Phillis Case*, of *South-Kingstown*, he has been three several Times to carry and tender her the Money, in order to discharge himself of the Debt ; but that she chooseth not to be seen, so that he cannot make her a lawful Tender thereof : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take the same into Consideration, and pass an Act that she may be cited by a proper Officer, by leaving a Copy at her House, to appear at her own House, on a certain Day, to receive her Money ; and that his carrying her the same at said Day, and there offering to pay it before two Witnesses, shall be deemed a lawful Tender, in case she neglects to appear or refuseth to receive the same.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted : And that if the said *Phillis Case* shall neglect to appear, or refuse to receive the said Money, that said Money
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be paid into the General Treasury agreeable to an Act of this Assembly.

General *Pigot* permitted to send sundry Articles to Gen. *Burgoyne*.

WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq; hath laid before this Assembly a Letter, wherein request is made by Major-General *Pigot*, that Permit be given that some Wine, Tea and Sugar, may be sent by him to General *Burgoyne* : Wherefore *Resolved* that Permission be, and hereby is given unto General *Pigot*, to send the afore said Articles to General *Burgoyne*, in a cartel Vessel directed to the Care of Mr. *Ward* ; and that the same be forwarded for the Purpose afore said.

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Act to prevent the Soldiery from squandering away their Camp Utensils, &c.

AN ACT to prevent the Soldiery, within this State, selling and squandering away the Camp Utensils, &c.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that the Inhabitants and others, in this State, being instigated with a sordid selfish View of making Gain and Advantage to themselves, do purchase and receive of the Soldiery; within this State, their Guns, Blankets, and Camp Utensils ; which is of the most pernicious Consequence, and ought to be speedily prevented : In order therefore to remedy such mal-practices for the future ;

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted, That if any Person or Persons whoever shall purchase, or take in Pledge, of any Soldier or Soldiers belonging or serving in this State, any Clothes, Guns, Bayonets, or Camp Utensils whatever, that he, she or they, so offending, shall, upon Conviction thereof, forfeit and pay as a Fine therefor, to and for the Use of this State, six-fold the Value or Price of such Article by him or them so received, or shall suffer such corporal Punishment as the Court before whom he, she or they, shall be convicted, shall adjudge adequate to such Offence, together with all lawful Cost.

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AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Person who shall knowingly and willingly conceal any Article or Articles whatever, belonging to this State or the United States in general, which have been delivered out for the Use of the Soldiers, shall be deemed as Purchasers and suffer accordingly.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Crimes shall be heard and determined before any Courts, within this State, where the same are cognizable.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Reynolds, J. Reynolds to
Esq; deliver unto Col. Crary twenty Pair of Breeches, for the Use of his Regiment : And also that he deliver twenty Pair of Breeches unto the Commanding Officer of the Regiment late commanded by Col. Stanton, for the Use of that Regiment.
deliver Breeches, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Northup, J. Northup to
Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, deliver unto Col. Crary, for the Use of his Regiment, one Hundred Shirts, one Hundred Pair of Stockings, and fifteen Pair of Shoes ; and also that he deliver unto the Commanding Officer of the Regiment late commanded by Col. Stanton, one Hundred Shirts, one Hundred Pair of Stockings, and fifteen Pair of Shoes, for the Use of that Regiment.
deliver Cloathing, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ezekiel Cornell, E. Cornell, Esq;
Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed Brigadier-General of this State's Troops, until further Orders of this Assembly.
appointed Brigadier-General.

WHEREAS by a Resolve passed at the last Session of this Assembly, *Beriah Brown, Esq;* was directed to sell the personal Estate of *Charles Slocum*, deceased, unless Administration should be granted on the same within twenty Days ; and the said Time having elapsed, and it having been requested that said Sale might be further postponed, *It is therefore*
Sale of C. Slocum's Estate postponed.

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fore Voted and Resolved, That said Sale be adjourned for twenty Days from the Rising of this Assembly ; and that said Estate be then sold at public Vendue, agreeable to the aforementioned Resolve, unless Letters of Administration shall be applied for and granted before the Expiration thereof.

Officers and
Soldiers Families
to be supplied from the
23d Day of *August*
last.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons who are appointed to furnish the Families of Officers and Soldiers, within this State, with Necessaries, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly, be, and they are hereby, directed to supply the said Families of Field, Commissioned, and Staff Officers, to the Amount of one Quarter of their Wages, and the Families of the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers to the Amount of their Wages, which have become due from the twenty-third Day of *August* last.

Militia, &c. discharged.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the one fourth Part of the Militia, Independent-Artillery and Alarm Companies, heretofore drafted to do Duty on the sixth Day of *December* instant, be not called upon Duty upon the said sixth Day of *December*, but that they be discharged from the same until the further Orders of this Assembly or the Council of War.

Towns on the
Sea-Coast to
inlist Guards.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Towns on the Sea-Coast, in which no Troops are stationed, be empowered to inlist (if they think it necessary for the Safety thereof) a Sergeant and twelve Men as Artillery Men, or otherwise to do Duty within said Towns, and guard the Shores of the same : That the aforesaid Companies be under the same Rules, Regulations, and Command, as the fifteen Months Brigade are ; and that so much of the Act establishing Artillery Companies within said Towns, as empowers them to appoint two Officers to fourteen Men, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That weekly Returns be made by the Sergeant to Major-General *Spencer* ; and that they be allowed, as a Bounty,
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forty Shillings, lawful Money, per Month, and be entitled to the same Wages and Rations as Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for Payment of the Tax of thirty-two Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, ordered to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State at the Session of this Assembly in *August* last, be lengthened to the first Day of *January* next: That the General Treasurer be empowered to issue Warrants for collecting the same, within fifteen Days from the Rising of this Assembly: And that the said Sum be paid in, on the said first Day of *January*, without Interest.

WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; Colonel of one of the Regiments raised for fifteen Months, hath represented unto this Assembly, That he hath considered himself as having resigned his Commission since the tenth Day of *November* last, and hath requested this Assembly to approbate his Resignation: Wherefore *Resolved* That the Resignation of the said *Joseph Stanton*, jun. be accepted, and that he be dismissed from said Command.--*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That *William Barton*, Esq; now Lieut. Colonel of said Regiment, be, and he is hereby, appointed Colonel thereof, in the Place of said Col. *Joseph Stanton*, jun. And it is further *Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathaniel Hawkins*, Esq; now Major of said Regiment, be, and he is hereby, appointed Lieut. Colonel of said Regiment, in the Room of the said *William Barton*, Esq; who is advanced.

WHEREAS *Samuel Segar*, *Stephen Champlin*, and *Freeman Perry*, three of the Members of the Town-Council of *South-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That when the Men ordered to be raised to join General *Spencer's* Camp were drafted in said Town, a Number of Persons were drafted who refused to do Duty; that they hired Men in the Stead of *Stephen Hazzard*,
Wilkinson

Time for paying in the last Tax lengthened.

Col. *Stanton* dismissed, and Col. *Barton*, &c. promoted.

Petition of *S; Segar*, &c. granted.

Wilkinson Browning, Sylvester Robinson, Josiah Clarke, Peleg Gardner, Robert Rodman, and William Knowles, being Part of those who refused to serve, which cost the Sum of three Hundred and fifty-four Pounds, as will appear by Receipts produced : That they are perswaded their Brethren will not pretend they could hire cheaper : That they have produced to a full Council their Receipts, and moved for an Order of Council that Warrants of Distress might be issued against the Delinquents : And that the Council being divided, such have been the Proceedings that they are deprived of every Means of Relief for the large Sums advanced, unless by the Interposition of this Assembly : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to point out some Method by which they may be repaid the large Sums advanced, and have some Satisfaction for the Expence and Trouble they have been put to.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Town-Council issue Warrants of Distrain for the Money expended, and the Interest and Cost that have arisen thereon, against the abovenamed Persons for whom the Men were hired, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly.

J. Potter, &c.
permitted to
go to Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *James Potter,* with his Wife and Child, and *Sarah Perry,* be permitted to go in a Flag to the Island of *Rhode-Island,* from such Place as shall be approbated by General *Spencer* or the Council of War.

O. Gorton allowed £. 4 10.

WHEREAS *Othniel Gorton, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences ; and the Time, Expences, &c. of several Men by him employed in collecting Tools for the Purpose of intrenching at *Warwick-Neck,* by Order of Col. *John Waterman* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That four Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid unto the said *Othniel Gorton,* out of the General Treasury. *IT*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Warrants of Distraint, which the several Town-Councils of this State are by Law empowered to issue, be directed to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or either of the Town-Sergeants or Constables in the County where the Town-Council issuing the same resides; and be delivered to such of said Officers as said Town-Council shall direct: And that the Sheriff, or his Deputy, serving said Warrants, have the same Fees as are now allowed to the Town-Sergeant or Constable for the same Business.

Warrants of Distraint to be delivered to the Sheriff, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. John Chapman deliver to Mr. George Peirce the Hides in his Hands, belonging to this State: That Mr. Peirce deliver to one of the Committee of Safety as many Shoes as said Hides will make when tann'd: And that thereupon he receive, of the said Committee, Pay for tanning and currying the Leather, and making said Shoes.

J. Chapman to deliver Hides to G. Peirce.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Dyre forthwith apprehend Ezra Gleason, who, it hath been represented to this Assembly, hath uniformly in his Conduct and Conversation manifested himself inimical to the Liberties of America; and that he send him to the Council of War to be dealt with accordingly. And Col. Charles Dyre is required to notify those Persons, who have been Witnesses to his said Conduct and Conversation, to attend said Council, to give Information respecting the same.

Ezra Gleason to be sent to the Council of War.

WHEREAS Mr. Abraham Greene presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire, &c. in calling the Deputy-Sheriff from West-Greenwich to take Charge of Beal, Lechmere, &c. for two Days Labour in cleaning the Court-House in East-Greenwich, and Soap provided for the same; and for his Attendance on this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the

A. Greene allowed £. 4 13.

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Amount thereof, being four Pounds, thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abraham Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Spencer allowed £. 1 4

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for washing and scouring the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, and getting Sand for the same; for cutting one Load of Wood, and for his Attendance on this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, four Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Northup to draw £. 600 out of the Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Northup*, Esq; be empowered, as one of the Committee of Safety, to draw out of the General Treasury the Sum of six Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, for the Use of this State.

P. Phillips to get the Hides, &c. tann'd.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, directed to procure the Hides of all the Cattle he shall purchase for the Use of this State to be tann'd, and reserve the same; and also all the Tallow for the Use of the State.

E. Gorton, jun. allowed 18s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Gorton, jun.* a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Edward Gorton*, out of the General Treasury.

P. Phillips to purchase Provisions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to proceed to the State of *Connecticut*, and purchase there a Quantity

tity of Provisions for the Use of the Troops within this State ; and that he apply to the Council of War for Orders on the General Treasurer, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper for the Purpose aforesaid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committees of Safety forthwith pay the Bounty and Wages due to the Militia, who were drafted and did Duty in the late intended Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, excepting the Wages due the Commission'd Officers in the Regiment late under the Command of Col. *Dyre* : And that their Wages be detained until certain Guns delivered said Regiment, in said Expedition, which are missing, be returned. Wages and Bounties to be paid the Militia.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Cooke, Esq;* *W. Cooke* to sell Cart-Wheels, &c. sell, at public Vendue, a Number of Cart-Wheels, in *Tiverton*, belonging to this State ; and that he also collect a Number of Truck-Wheels, belonging to the State, and store them for the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Gideon Hoxsie, Esq;* *G. Hoxsie* to inquire into Guns lost. be appointed to inquire into the Loss of a Number of Guns, belonging to the Town of *Westerly*, said to have been lost at *Point-Judith* by Soldiers in the Service of this State ; and that if it shall appear that the said Guns were lost in the Service of this State, that they be replaced by the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That two Hundred, one Quarter, and twenty-four Pounds of Iron, in the Hands of Mr. *Isaac Manchester*, belonging to this State, be sold to the said *Isaac* at twelve Pounds per Hundred Weight ; and that he pay the Amount thereof into the Treasury. Iron to be sold to Mr. Manchester.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Thomas*, Clerk of the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown*, in Behalf of said Council, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That one *Hannah Dunn* of *Middletown*, in the County of *Newport*, single Woman, Petition of the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown* granted, since

since the said Town hath been in the Hands of the Enemy, hath been and now is chargeable to said Town of *North-Kingstown* : And that the said Town of *Middletown* being still in the Hands of the Enemy, leaves the said Town-Council without Remedy in due Course of Law : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant that the Charge and Expence of the keeping and supporting the said *Hannah Dunn* may be repaid said Town ; and that she be further supported by the State.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted ; and that the Account, for the Support of the said *Hannah Dunn*, be laid before the Council of War.

Committee to examine the Papers of the Meeting of Sufferings.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Greene*, *Caleb Aldrich*, and *John Dexter*, Esqrs; be a Committee to secure, and carefully examine, the Records and Papers of the Meeting of Sufferings within this State ; and that they make Report to the Council of War, that they may thereupon proceed agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

T. Spencer allowed £. 2 19.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session ; and for carting one Load of Wood : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Lyndon allowed £. 5 15.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to *Providence* to attend this Assembly, at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the

the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, fifteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, but of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; laid before *W. Channing* at this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences to attend on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Assistant-Clerk of the Lower-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, five Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General Treasury. allowed £.4 5 6

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Tax of forty-eight Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected and paid, into the General Treasury, by the first Day of *March* next : That the same be proportioned according to the last Apportionment : That after the same is proportioned as aforesaid, so much shall be deducted from the Proportion of the Town of *Providence* as shall be equal to the apportioned Value of twenty-five Thousand Pounds ; so much from the Proportion of the Town of *Bristol* as shall be equal to the apportioned Value of ten Thousand Pounds ; so much from the Proportion of the Town of *East-Greenwich* as shall be equal to the apportioned Value of two Thousand, seven Hundred, and fifty Pounds : That the Proportionment of the other Towns be agreeable to the said Apportionment : That the Poll-Tax be six Pence for every Thousand Pounds : That *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford* proportion said Tax, and draft a Bill agreeable to an Act for levying a Tax of thirty-two Thousand Pounds, with this addition that the Towns be thereby empowered to appoint new Collectors and Assessors : That the Tax be paid in, in Continental or this States Money : And that he Report the same to the Council of War. Which Act being found by the said

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Council to be agreeable to this Resolve, shall be in Force, and considered as an Act of this Assembly.

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Protest against
the Apportion-
ment of the
Tax.

THE Subscribers dissent from the Vote of the Lower-House of Assembly, passed *December* 6th, A. D. 1777, ordering a Tax to be laid upon the Inhabitants of this State, for the following Reasons, viz.

BECAUSE by the general Estimate taken in the Year 1767, the Town of *Providence* stood valued at the Sum of one Hundred and twenty-five Thousand Pounds, lawful Money ; and in order to induce the General Assembly to consent to begin Taxation, the Representatives of the Town of *Providence*, in *March* last, agreed to have the Sum of one Hundred Thousand Pounds in Value added to the Estimate of the said Town, with the express Reserve that the said Proportion should not be brought into Precedent in the apportioning any future Tax.

AND because the General Assembly have since apportioned a Tax of thirty-two Thousand Pounds, and have afforded the said Town of *Providence* no Relief, they having petitioned for the same.

AND because the same General Assembly have, by their Vote of the sixth of this instant *December*, ordered another Tax of forty-eight Thousand Pounds, in which they have kept on the Sum of seventy-five Thousand Pounds that was Part of the Hundred Thousand Pounds, that was added as afore-said, to the Estimate of the said Town, in the sixteen Thousand Pounds Tax.

AND because the Representatives of the said Town have solicited for Relief from the abovesaid Sum.

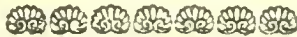
THE Situation of the Town of *Providence* being now very different from what it was when the Hundred Thousand Pounds was added to the Estimate of the Town, arising from an Invasion of the State

State ; a long Blocking up of the Port of the Town ; a Removal of a large Number of the Inhabitants with their personal Estates to the Amount of many Thousand Pounds ; almost an entire Stoppage of all Trade and Commerce ; many and great Expences daily arising to the Town from the high Prices of all the Necessaries of Life ; with many other great Burthens with which the Country in general is not distressed ; all which different Circumstances are not considered in said Vote.

AGAINST which from its Illegality, and in Justice to ourselves and our Constituents, we do, in the most solemn Manner, dissent and protest.

East-Greenwich,
Dec. 6th, 1777.

John Urdike,
Jabez Bowen,
Theodore Foster.



THE following is the Act reported by Mr. Nathaniel Mumford to the Council of War, and approved, as agreeable to the foregoing Resolve.

An ACT assessing and apportioning a Rate or Tax of ^{Act apportion-}
Forty-eight Thousand Pounds lawful Money, upon the ^{ing the Tax.}
Inhabitants of this State.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax of Forty-eight Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the first Day of March next, in Bills of public Credit emitted by this State, or in Continental Bills ; and that the same, when paid in, be burnt.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be twenty-four Shillings, being six Pence upon every Thousand Pounds : And that all male Persons of twenty-one Years of Age,

December, 1777.

Age and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions, and those enlisted by this State for fifteen Months, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners, on board any armed Vessels in the Service of the Continent, or of this State) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, assessed unto and upon the several Towns in the following Proportions, to wit :

<i>Newport,</i>	£. 5209	6	3	
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	2035	8	9	
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	476	4	6	
<i>Jamestown,</i>	785	1	0	
<i>Middletown,</i>	1520	7	9	
<i>Tiverton,</i>	1664	8	0	
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	1473	2	9	
				£. 13163 19 0
<i>Providence,</i>	4559	0	0	
<i>Smithfield,</i>	2473	3	3	
<i>Scituate,</i>	1838	6	6	
<i>Gloucester,</i>	1604	0	6	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	931	18	9	
<i>Cranston,</i>	1700	12	9	
<i>Johnston,</i>	704	15	6	
<i>North-Providence,</i>	670	18	9	
				14482 16 0
<i>Westerly,</i>	1329	12	6	
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	2174	12	6	
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	4193	10	0	
<i>Charlestown,</i>	1096	12	9	
<i>Richmond,</i>	887	11	6	
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	1193	17	0	
<i>Exeter,</i>	1235	16	3	
				12111 12 6
<i>Bristol,</i>	909	10	0	
<i>Warren,</i>	454	13	9	
<i>Barrington,</i>	513	4	6	
				1877 8 3
				<i>Worwick,</i>

Warwick,	2280	17	0	
East-Greenwich,	1210	13	4	
West-Greenwich,	860	1	0	
Coventry,	1154	12	9	
				5506 4 1
				£.47141 19 10

From the Town of *Providence*, the
Proportion of £.25000 is £.568 6 0
Bristol, Ditto, 10000 is 227 4 0
East-Greenwich, Ditto,
2750 is 62 10 2

858 0 2

£.48000 0 0

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportions of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof (except the Towns of Newport, Jamestown, New-Shoreham, Portsmouth and Middletown) as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum that shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid; and each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General Treasurer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is directed, and hereby required, to send a Copy thereof, within six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his

H Warrant,

Warrant, within four Days to the several Collectors of Rates and Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay, unto the General Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the Assessing, Levying and Collecting its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

AND be it further Enacted, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy and pay, into the General Treasury, their Proportion of said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorised and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of said Tax (excepting the Towns before excepted) immediately after said first Day of *March* next, which Execution shall be returnable in thirty Days.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State, be, and he is hereby, authorised and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken : And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State ; and the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in this State be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers, and

and Collectors of Rates, of their respective Towns, to the General Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

AND be it further Enacted, That any Town within this State, who are dissatisfied with their present Assessors or Collectors, be empowered to call Town-Meetings, and appoint other Assessors or Collectors: any Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That any Town which shall collect and pay into the General Treasury, before the Time limited in this Act for the Payment thereof, the Sum assessed upon said Town, or any Part thereof, the General Treasurer is empowered, and hereby directed, to pay Interest at six per Centum per Annum therefor, from the Time it shall be paid in, until the first Day of March next; which Interest shall be paid by the Collector into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Use of such Towns respectively.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That General Cornell General Cornell
forthwith sell, at public Vendue, the Horses hereto- to sell the
fore purchased for the Use of the State; and that State's Horses
he render an Account thereof to the Council of at Vendue.
War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Nathaniel Committee to
Mumford, Joseph Coggeshall and Benjamin Stelle, be a settle the Demands of G.
Committee to hear and determine the Demands of Irish.
Mr.

Mr. *George Irish* against this State, respecting his Cattle and Sheep brought off from the Island of *Rhode-Island*, and all other his Accounts against this State ; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Act for procur-
ing 2000 Pair
of Stock

IT is Voted and Resolved, That two Thousand Pair of Men's good Yarn Stockings be furnished by the several Towns within this State, for the Use of the Soldiers, agreeable to the following Proportion, viz.

	Pair.		Pair.
<i>Providence,</i>	272	<i>Exeter,</i>	64
<i>Warwick,</i>	120	<i>Bristol,</i>	56
<i>Westerly,</i>	72	<i>Tiverton,</i>	88
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	112	<i>Little-Compton,</i>	80
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	216	<i>Warren,</i>	24
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	64	<i>Cumberland,</i>	56
<i>Smithfield,</i>	128	<i>Richmond,</i>	48
<i>Scituate,</i>	96	<i>Cranston,</i>	88
<i>Gloucester,</i>	80	<i>Hopkinton,</i>	64
<i>Charlestown,</i>	56	<i>Johnston,</i>	40
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	48	<i>North-Providence,</i>	40
<i>Coventry,</i>	56	<i>Barrington,</i>	32

2000

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Collectors of Taxes within the respective Towns be, and they are hereby, authorised, empowered and directed, to procure the aforesaid Stockings by the best Ways and Means they can devise, either by purchasing or distraining the same ; that the said Collectors be empowered to receive said Stockings on Account of the Taxes, which they are or may be empowered to collect ; that one Thousand Pair of said Stockings be delivered unto Mr. *Paul Allen* of *Providence* within twenty, and the other Thousand Pair within forty, Days next after the Rising of this Assembly ; that the Collectors be allowed five per Cent. Commissions for procuring the same ; that the Accounts be laid before the Council

Council of War to be adjusted ; and that the Money, for the Stockings aforesaid, be paid out of the General Treasury.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any of the Collectors aforesaid shall distrain or impress any Stockings from the Inhabitants, the same shall be appraised by said Collector, and the Value be paid to the Persons.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any of the Towns aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to raise their Quota and Proportion of said Stockings, as is before proportioned, within the Time aforesaid, and deliver them as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay into the General Treasury of this State eight Dollars for each and every Pair of Stockings for which they are delinquent ; to be recovered by the General Treasurer, to and for the Use of this State, by Bill or Plaint in any Court of Record proper to try the same.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Copies hereof be immediately sent to the several Town-Clerks within the Towns aforesaid, to be delivered the said Collectors.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Militia and Alarm Company of the Town of *Little-Compton* be drafted into two Divisions on the tenth Day of *December* instant, and be formed into Companies with proper Officers : That one of the said Divisions do Duty within the said Town, to guard the Shores of the same for the Space of thirty Days from the said tenth Day of *December* : That after the Expiration of the said thirty Days the first Division be relieved by the second, who shall do Duty within the said Town for the Space of thirty Days : That they continue to relieve each other, and do Duty in Manner as aforesaid, until the further Orders of this Assembly : That the Commanding Officers of the Militia and Alarm Companies, in the said Town,

Towns of *Ti-
verten* and *Little-Compton* to
raise Companies.

cause the said Draft to be made, and the said Divisions to be duly relieved, agreeable to this Resolve : That they be stationed by General *Spencer*, and be under the immediate Command of the Commanding Officer of the Alarm Company in said Town : And that they be under the same Rules, Regulations and Command, as the Brigade raised by this State for fifteen Months.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Person who shall be drafted as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to do Duty, the Town-Council hire a Man in the Room of such delinquent Person, and proceed in Manner as is directed by a Resolve of this Assembly passed at the Session in *October* last.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That each non-commissioned Officer and Private, who shall do Duty as aforesaid, be allowed, as a Bounty, forty Shillings lawful Money : And that the Officers and Privates be allowed the same Wages and Rations as the Officers and Privates in the Continental Service.

Provision for
the Redemp-
tion of Capt.
J. Grimes, a
Prisoner of
War.

WHEREAS *John Grimes*, late Commander of the private Ship of War *American Tartar*, hath represented unto this Assembly, That he was captured during his Cruize, by one of the *British* Ships of War, and carried into *Halifax* : That being there a Prisoner, he was suffered by Sir *George Collier* to return to *Boston* upon his Parole : That either the Master of the *British* Ship *Fox*, who is a Prisoner of War within the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, should be released in his Stead, or that he would surrender himself a Prisoner of War again : That the said Master of the *Fox* is designed to be exchanged for the late Master of the Continental Ship *Hancock*, who is a Prisoner of War at *Halifax* : That the Master of the *British* Ship of War *Syren* is here a Prisoner, and it hath been proposed that he should be held, in order to exchange for Mr. *Ezek Hopkins*, jun. who was an acting Lieutenant on board the *Providence* Sloop, and is a Prisoner of War at *Halifax* : And that Mr.

Otway,

Otway, Lieutenant of the *British* Frigate *Lark*, was captured by this State's Troops, and will be exchanged for said *Hopkins*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, earnestly requested of the Honorable Major-General *Spencer* to suffer and permit the said Lieutenant *Otway* to be given up, in order to redeem said Mr. *Hopkins* from Captivity: And that, upon General *Spencer*'s permitting the said *Otway* to be given in exchange as aforesaid, the late Master of the *British* Ship *Syren*, who is here a Prisoner, shall be delivered up to be exchanged for the Master of the *Hancock*, or Capt. *John Grimes*.

WHEREAS two of the Companies of Militia, of the Town of *Smithfield*, belong to the second Regiment in the County of *Providence*; and one Company in said Town belongs to the first Regiment in said County; and it being found that many Inconveniencies attend the said Companies being so divided; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the first Company of Militia in the Town of *Smithfield* shall, in future, belong to the second Regiment in the County of *Providence*, and be under the Direction and Command of the Field-Officers of the same; any Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Militia of the Town of *Smithfield* placed in the 2d Regiment in the County of *Providence*.

THE following Resolve of the Most Honorable the Continental Congress being read,

"In CONGRESS, May 12th, 1777.
"RESOLVED, That all Post-Masters, Post-Riders, and Persons immediately concerned in conducting the Business of the Post-Office, ought to be exempted from all military Duties; and that it be recommended to the Legislatures of the different States to exempt such Persons accordingly.

Post-Masters and Riders excused from military Duty.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CHA. THOMPSON, Sec'ry."

IN Conformity whereto, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Post-Masters, Post-Riders, and all Persons immediately concerned in conducting the Business of the

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the Post Office, within this State, be, and they are hereby, exempted from all military Duties, agreeable to the foregoing Resolve.

*S. Mumford to
examine the
Sugars stored
in Warwick.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Stephen Mumford, Esq: be, and he is hereby, appointed to examine the State of the Sugar belonging to this State. in the Town of Warwick, and Report the same to the Council of War ; and that said Council apply said Sugar to such Uses as may be most for the Interest of this State.

Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in Providence, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and, in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the last Monday in February next, then to meet at East-Greenwich.

G O D SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF
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A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

W I T N E S S

Henry Ward

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden (in Consequence of *Warrants* issued by his Excellency the Governor) at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Friday* the Nineteenth Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency

Nicholas Cooke, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

DANIEL CAHOON, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, Esq;

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM WEST, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

PARDON GRAY, Esq;

} Assistants.

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

December, 1777.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq;*
 Christopher Ellery, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Rumreill,
Mr. William Borden.

PROVIDENCE:

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq;*
 John Updike, *Esq;*
 Jabez Bowen, *Esq;*
 Theodore Foster, *Esq;*

PORTSMOUTH:

None.

WARWICK:

Mr. James Rhodes,
 Othniel Gorton, *Esq;*
Mr. Waterman Tibbits.

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, *Esq;*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq;*
Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Mr. Samuel Babcock.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN:

None.

SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq;*
Mr. Peleg Arnold.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, *Esq;*
 Timothy Hopkins, *Esq;*

GLOUCESTER:

Capt. Afa Kimball.

CHARLESTOWN:

None.

WEST-GREENWICH:

None.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Elihu Greene,
Mr. Isaac Johnson.

EXETER:

George Peirce, *Esq;*

MIDDLETOWN:

None.

BRISTOL:

Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

None.

LITTLE-COMPTON

Mr. Nathaniel Searle.

WARREN:

None.

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, *Esq;*
 George Peck, *Esq;*

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq;*

CRANSTON:

Gideon Comstock, *Esq;*

HOPKINTON:

Mr. George Thurston,

JOHNSTON:

John Waterman, *Esq;*
 Peleg Williams, *Esq;*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, *Esq;*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS the General Assembly, at the Second Session in *March* last, did pass an Act requiring the Governor, whenever Necessity should require the calling of the General Assembly, to convene it at the Place of the last Session, and the Governor, through a Mistake of the Secretary, did call this present Assembly to meet at *Providence*, instead of *East Greenwich*, where, by the Letter of the Law, it ought to have been convened: And whereas some Doubts may arise with Regard to the Validity of the Acts of this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly taking into Consideration several Matters recommended to them by the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, and the Necessity of acting upon some of them immediately, will proceed to Business; and that the several Acts, Orders and Resolutions, which shall be enacted and passed during the present Session, shall be of the same Force and Validity, to every Intent and Purpose, as though this Assembly had been called and actually held at *East-Greenwich*.

Acts and Resolves of this Session to be valid.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the convening this present Assembly, in Manner as aforesaid, shall not be drawn into Precedent, but that the Act before-recited for convening the General Assembly upon special Occasions at the Place of the last Sitting, shall remain and be in full Force and Virtue; and that if this Assembly be called by Warrant before it meet by Adjournment, it be convened at *East-Greenwich*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That in Pursuance of a Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-second of *November* last, this Assembly will appoint Commissioners to meet such Commissioners as shall be appointed by the States of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut, New-York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware*, for the Purposes in said Resolution contained.

Commissioners to be appointed.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, made Choice of the Honorable *William Greene, Esq;* and *Col. Jabez Bowen*, Commissioners to meet Commissioners from the other States, agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress of the Twenty-second of *November* last, to take into Consideration the several Matters in and by the said Resolve pointed out.

Officers chosen.

Henry Ward, Esq; having represented unto this Assembly, that he could not hold his Seat as a Member of the Council of War, from the Necessity of his Attendance upon the Secretary's Office, in order that the Acts and Orders of this Assembly be forthwith printed, and begged Leave to resign: Thereupon Leave is given, and he resigns his Seat accordingly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Col. Jabez Bowen*, and *Esek Hopkins, Esq;* be and they are hereby appointed Members of the Council of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly will appoint an Agent for the Cloathing Department, agreeable to a Request of *James Mease, Esq;* Cloathier-General of the Continental Army.

Agent-Cloathier to be appointed.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, made Choice of *John Reynolds, Esq;* to be Agent-Cloathier for this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Col. Jabez Bowen*, and *Mr. John Updike*, be and they are hereby appointed to examine the Sails, Rigging and Furniture, the *Aurora*, Committee to examine the Sails, &c. of the *Aurora*.

niture, belonging to the Ship *Aurora*, owned by this State; and, if there shall be any such spare Rigging and Sails belonging to said Vessel as the Sloop *Diamond* may require, that they deliver the same to Mr. *Pardon Gray*, for the Use of the said Sloop *Diamond*, or otherwise that they purchase such Sails and Rigging as the said Sloop may require, and deliver the same to the said *Pardon Gray*, for the Purpose aforesaid.

Resolves of Congress of the 22d of November to be printed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolutions of Congress of the Twenty-second of November last be printed; and that a Copy thereof be forthwith transmitted to each of the Members of the General Assembly, and to each of the Town-Clerks within this State.

Confederation and Tax referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Consideration of the Articles of Confederation proposed for the United States, and of the Tax recommended by Congress to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of the United States of America, in the Year 1778, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly.

Committee to draft a Bill for confiscating and selling the Estates of disaffected Persons.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Ward*, *Henry Marchant*, *Roscoe J. Helme*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed to draft a Bill for confiscating and making Sale of all the real and personal Estate of such of the Inhabitants of this State and other Persons who have forfeited the same, and the Right to the Protection of this State, and to invest the Monies arising from the Sales in Continental Loan-Office Certificates, to be appropriated as shall be hereafter directed by the Legislative Authority of this State, agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress of the Twenty-second of November last; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

D. Austin's Petition referred.

THIS Assembly, at the last Session, having passed an Act for leasing the Farm whereon Mr. *David Austin* resides to Capt. *Samuel Carr*; and the said *David Austin* having preferred a Petition to this Assembly, praying that the said Act may be repealed, and he continued in the Improvement of the said Farm: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session; and that in the mean Time the said *Samuel Carr* be notified to appear at that Time, to answer the same.

WHEREAS this Assembly did, at the last Session, Resolve that the Company of Boatmen serving in this State, both Officers and Soldiers, should be discharged within Twenty Days, next after the Rising of said Assembly, and that in the Interim the said Boatmen should collect the Boats that were taken into the Continental Service by Order of General *Spencer*, and return them to the several Places from whence they were taken: And this Assembly being informed that said Boatmen have neglected to perform said Order, although commanded by General *Spencer* so to do,

Company of Boatmen to receive no Wages since the last Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Company of Boatmen, Officers and Soldiers, shall not be paid any Wages since the Rising of said last Assembly, unless they can shew to this Assembly good Reasons why they disobeyed the Orders aforesaid: And that a Copy of this Resolve be immediately transmitted to the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; and *John Cooke*, Esq;

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. William Bradford, Esq; be *W. Bradford*
and he is hereby appointed to lease the Estates, for Produce, which have *to lease out*
been taken Possession of in Behalf of this State, and belonging to Per- *Estates.*
sons unfriendly to the United States, for the Space of One Year, from
the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, and to make Enquiry into the
Rents which have arisen, or shall become due, on the said Twenty-fifth
Day of *March* next, for said Estates; and that he make Report to this
Assembly as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committees of Safety be and they *Committees*
are hereby directed, forthwith to discharge the Demands which arose *of Safety to*
against the State in the late Expedition against the Enemy, on the Island *pay off the*
of *Rhode-Island*; and that they apply to the Council of War for such Sums *Demands for*
of Money as shall be necessary for the Purpose aforesaid: And the said *the late Ex-*
Committees are further directed, immediately to make out their Accounts, *pedition.*
and present them to the Council of War for Adjustment.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That upon the Adjustment of said
Accounts, the Auditor of Accounts make out the Account of this
State against the United States, and present the same to the Council of
War, which being approved of, the said Council are empowered to
forward the same to the Delegate from this State in Congress, and re-
quest a Payment of the Balance thereof, as soon as may be: And it is
ordered that a Copy hereof be immediately forwarded to each of the
Committees of Safety within this State.

WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Mumford, and Rowse J. Helme, Esq; preferred *N. Mumford,*
a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they have for a con- *£c. allowed*
siderable Time past devoted themselves entirely to the Business of this *Four Dollars*
State: That they are paid for their Services by the Day, without having *per Diem.*
any other Perquisite annexed to their Employ; and that from the excel-
sive exorbitant Prices of every necessary Article of Life, they find their
Pay insufficient to maintain them, &c. And thereupon prayed this As-
sembly to take the same into Consideration, and make such Provision for
them, that they may be enabled to perform their respective Services with
Chearfulness.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That
the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and
that the said Nathaniel Mumford, and Rowse J. Helme, be allowed
each *Four Dollars per Day*, while employed in the Service of this State.

WHEREAS at the last Session of this Assembly, the Committees of *Officers in*
Safety were directed not to pay the Wages due to the commissioned Of- *Col. Dyre's*
ficers in the Regiment under the Command of Col. Dyre, until certain *Regiment to*
Guns received by the said Regiment, and belonging to the United States, *be paid their*
are accounted for: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Wages of such Of- *Wages.*
ficers only be retained as have not accounted for the Guns by them respec-
tively received, and that the Wages of the other Officers be immediately
paid them, the said Resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. James Sumner be advanced to the *J. Sumner ad-*
Rank and Pay of a Major, in the Service of this State. *vanced to the*

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Rank of Ma-
17 *jor.*

P. Berry's Re- *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Peleg Berry, a Lieutenant in one of the*
signation ac- *Fifteen Months Regiments, be permitted to resign his Commission.*
cepted.

J. Sayles, &c. *WHEREAS John Sayles, Ebenezer Thompson, Essek Hopkins, and Gideon*
allowed £ 19 *Comstock, Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by then*
4 s. *charged against the State, for their Services in attending as Commissioner*
upon the Court of Enquiry on the Causes of the Failure of the late
intended Expedition against the Enemy on Rhode-Island: And the said
Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same
be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Nineteen
Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money, be paid unto the said John Sayles,
Ebenezer Thompson, Essek Hopkins, and Gideon Comstock, out of the General-
Treasury.

S. Martindale *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Sion Martindale, a Major in the Service*
to appear be- *of this State, be called before the Council of War, to render an Account*
fore the *of his Conduct in said Office; and said Council are empowered to dismiss*
Council of *him from said Office, if it shall appear to them that his Services are no*
War. *longer required.*

W. Channing *WHEREAS William Channing, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Ac-*
allowed £ 6 *count, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire,*
4 s. *in attending on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Assistant Clerk*
of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined. It is
Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the
Amount thereof, being Six Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money, be paid
unto the said William Channing, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Lyndon al- *WHEREAS Josias Lyndon, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account,*
lowed £ 6 2 s. *by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to*
6 s. *East-Greenwich, to attend on the General Assembly as Clerk of the Lower-*
House: And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Re-
solved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Six Pounds Two
Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid
unto the said Josias Lyndon, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Northup to *IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Northup, Esq; as one of the Com-*
draw £ 2000. *mittee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Two*
Thousand Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

T. Cranston, *WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, that Thomas*
&c. to ap- *Cranston, Esq; and Mr. Henry Northup, lately come off from the Island*
pear before *of Rhode-Island, are unfriendly to the Liberties of America: It is Voted*
the Council of *and Resolved, That it be recommended to the Council of War to call*
War. *said Persons before them, to be by them examined touching the Pre-*
misses; and that thereupon they proceed in such Manner as may be consist-
ent with the Safety of this State.

D. Cotterell *WHEREAS Mr. David Cotterell laid before this Assembly a Certificate,*
allowed £ 4 *that his Saddle was impressed, by Order of General Varnum, and has not*
10 s. *since been returned: It is thereupon Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds and*
Ten Shillings Lawful Money be paid unto the said David Cotterell, for the
said Saddle, by John Northup, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety

It is Voted and Resolved, That the House standing upon the Land belonging to Mr. *John Wickes*, which Mr. *Manchester*, the Commissary, lately refuted at the Expence of the State, be taken Possession of by General *Cornell*, to be by him removed to such Place as he shall think fit, to be used for a Guard-House; and that he cause Mr. *Wickes's* Part thereof to be appraised by proper Persons, in order that he may be paid therefor, out of the General-Treasury.

House stand-
ing upon
John Wickes's
Land to be
removed.

WHEREAS the College Edifice in the Town of *Providence* hath for some Time been improved as Barracks for the Soldiers stationed within said Town, whereby the said Building is so greatly damaged as to render the same useless for the Purpose aforesaid: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Jenckes* be and he is hereby appointed so far to repair said Building, as that the Expence thereof shall not exceed *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, and in such Manner as shall best answer the Purpose intended; and that the said Sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for repairing the said Building as aforesaid, be paid to the said *John Jenckes*, by one of the Committee of Safety: *Provided nevertheless*, That this Allowance shall not be taken and deemed as a Precedent for making any future Allowance for repairing the said Edifice.

J. Jenckes to
repair the
College.

WHEREAS this Assembly hath received Information, that a Correspondence is maintained with the Enemy, at the House of the Widow *Sarah Slocum*, in *North-Kingstown*: And it being known that the Family there are very unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*, whereby it is unsafe, for the Welfare and Happiness of this State, that the said Family should be suffered to continue any longer in Possession thereof: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* forthwith remove the said Widow *Slocum*, and the Family that lives there, to some Place, at least Ten Miles distant from the Shore: That if the said *Sarah Slocum*, or either of her Children, shall, after their said Removal, be found in any Part within this State, within the said Distance of Ten Miles of any of the Shores thereof, the Sheriff of the County in which they or either of them may so transgress, or his Deputy, is hereby empowered and directed forthwith to apprehend and commit them, or either of them, to the Gaol in said County, who shall be there confined until the further Orders of this Assembly, or the Council of War; and that some suitable Person be placed in the House to take Care of the Stock, &c. upon said Farm.

Sundry Per-
sons to be re-
moved from
the Shores in
North-King-
stown.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if Occasion requires, the Sheriff aforesaid call upon Col. *Dyre* for Assistance, who is hereby directed to send such Aid to the said Sheriff as he may require for that Purpose.

AND it is further Resolved, That the Wife of *George Wightman*, his Sons and their Families (excepting the Father of the said *George*) and *Palmer Sheldon* and his Family, be removed by the said Sheriff to the said Distance of Ten Miles from the Shores of this State; and that they be apprehended and committed, if found within said Distance, in Manner as is afore-directed.

WHEREAS *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him changed against the State, for a Number of Guns, Bayonets,

J. Babcock's
Account al-
lowed.

nets and Cartouch-Boxes, by him furnished for the Use of the Town of *Westerly*: And the said Account having been referred to the Auditor of Accounts, who after having carefully examined and compared it with the Vouchers, reported the same to be exactly balanced: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said *Joshua Babcock* be permitted to take up the Receipt by him given to the General-Treasurer. for the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Sum he received of the said Treasurer. for the Purpose of purchasing said Arms; &c.



AN ACT for raising and equipping Fifteen Hundred Men.

Act for raising two Battalions of Infantry, and a Regiment of Artillery.

WHEREAS our Enemies have invaded this State with a powerful Armament, and are now in Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*. whereby we are imminently exposed to still more hostile Attacks:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That two Battalions, each consisting of Six Hundred Men, including Officers, as also a Regiment of Artillery, consisting of Three Hundred Men, Officers included, be immediately raised, for the Defence of the United States in general, and of this State in particular; and that the said two Battalions. and said Regiment of Artillery, be formed into one Brigade, under the Command of a Brigadier-General: That each Battalion be commanded by one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major, and consist of eight Companies, to be led each by one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign: That the said Regiment of Artillery be commanded by one Colonel and one Major, and consist of four Companies, which shall be led each by one Captain, one Captain-Lieutenant, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, and one Lieutenant-Fireworker; and that there be appointed to each of the said Battalions and Regiment a Paymaster, one Adjutant, and one Quarter-Master, and to said Battalions one Surgeon, and one Surgeon's Mate.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each able-bodied Man, who shall enlist himself into either of said Battalions and Regiment. shall be furnished with one Hat, one uniform Coat, two Waist-coats, two Pair of Breeches, three Shirts, three Pair of Stockings, two Pair of Shoes, one Hunting-Shirt, and one Pair of Overalls, and shall also be furnished with a Blanket, Knapsack, Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, and Canteen, to be returned or accounted for at the Expiration of his Service; and that he be allowed as a Bounty *Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money; and if any Man who shall be enlisted into the said Brigade. and shall not be approved of by the Muster-Master of the Battalion or Regiment into which he may be enlisted, all Sum or Sums of Money which he shall have received shall be deducted from the Wages of the Officer who enlisted him.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Officers who may be appointed in said Battalions or Regiment, and the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who shall enlist into the same, be entitled to the same Wages and Rations

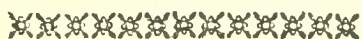
Rations as Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Service : That each able-bodied Man who shall enlist himself into either of the said Battalions or Regiment, be allowed *Twenty Shillings per Week*, after Enlistment, and before he is embodied ; and that he be embodied within one Week after he is enlisted.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Officers and Soldiers shall receive their Pay monthly ; and that *Eight Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid for every able-bodied Man who shall be enlisted into either of the said Battalions or Regiment, to the Officer by whom he shall be enlisted.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Officers and Soldiers, when embodied as aforesaid, shall be under the same Rules, Orders and Regulations, as those of the Continental Army ; and that each Field Officer and Captain who shall be appointed in the said Battalions and Regiment be furnished with a Copy thereof, unless they have been heretofore furnished with the same.

AND be it further Enacted, That each Soldier be enlisted by the following Enlistment, *to wit* : “ I the Subscriber do hereby solemnly engage and enlist myself as a Soldier, in the Pay of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, for the Preservation of the Liberties of *America*, and the Defence of the United States in general, and this State in particular, from the Day of my Enlistment until the Sixteenth Day of *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, unless sooner discharged by this Assembly : And I hereby promise to submit myself to all the Orders and Regulations of the Army, and faithfully to observe and obey all such Orders as I shall receive from Time to Time from my Officers.”

AND be it further Enacted, That no Officer or Soldier be arrested or prosecuted for any Debt less than *Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, due to one Creditor ; and that every Apprentice who shall enlist into either of the said Battalions and Regiment shall be entitled to and receive the whole of his Bounty and Wages.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Field Officers, Adjutants and Captains, for the two State Battalions and Regiment of Artillery, ordered at this Session to be raised, be chosen at this Session, and that the other Officers be chosen at the next Session of this Assembly.

Vote for appointing Part of the Officers in the Brigade.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That every Officer now in the Service of this State, and that shall be approved of by the Field Officers of the said Battalions or Regiment, and shall enlist Twenty Men by the next Sessions of Assembly, shall then be appointed to the Office he shall be approved of for by the said Field Officers.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the Officers chosen following Officers in the two Battalions and Regiment of Artillery, *to wit* :

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Ezekiel Cornell, Esq; Brigadier-General.

Robert Elliot, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery

Archibald Crary, Esq; Colonel of the First Battalion.

William Barton, Esq; Colonel of the Second Battalion.

John Topham, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Battalion.

Nathaniel Hawkins, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Battalion.

Josiah Flagg, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Artillery.

James Williams, Esq; Major of the First Battalion.

Joshua Sayer, *John Garzia*, *Ebenezer Adams*, and *Thomas Carlisle*, Captains in the Regiment of Artillery.

Christopher Manchester, *Caleb Carr*, *Benajah Whipple*, *John Carr*, *Reuben Ballou*, *James Parker*, *Thomas Allin*, and *Abimelech Riggs*, Captains in the First Battalion.

Samuel Phillips, *Christopher Dyre*, *Benjamin Hoppin*, *Benjamin West*, *Peleg Hoxsie*, *Philip Traffan*, *William Whipple*, and *Joshua Babcock*, 2d, Captains in the Second Battalion.

John Handy, Esq; Brigade-Major.

Robert Carver, Adjutant of the Regiment of Artillery.

Nathan Olney, Adjutant of the First Battalion.

Charles Handy, jun. Adjutant of the Second Battalion.

General *Spencer* desired to prevent the Soldiers from destroying their Barracks.

WHEREAS the Soldiers serving in this State, who have been quartered in the College Edifice and other public Buildings, have broke the Windows, Doors and Floors of the same, and have done other Mischief, to the great Hurt and Damage as well of the Public as of Individuals; and notwithstanding the frequent Orders which have been issued by the Honorable General *Spencer* to prevent the same, all the Buildings where they are quartered are marked with their Devastations:

WHEREFORE, *It is Resolved*, That Major-General *Spencer* be and he is hereby requested to take such effectual Methods to prevent, for the future, any Waste or Destruction of the Houses, Barracks or Buildings where the Soldiers are quartered, as to him shall appear best for the Preservation thereof.

Gen. *Cornell* appointed Muster-Master.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Soldiers who shall enlist into the Brigade, ordered by this Assembly to be raised, and to do Duty until the Sixteenth Day of March, A. D. 1779, be mustered by *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq; Brigadier-General thereof.

Gen. *Cornell* to provide Fire-Arms.

WHEREAS there is a Number of Soldiers, now in the Service of this State, without Arms, and a much larger Number now voted to be raised than is at this Time in the Field: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That General *Cornell* immediately apply to the several Committees of Safety for Two Hundred Small Arms and Bayonets, and cause the same to be repaired, and fitted for immediate Service: That if the said Number cannot be procured from the said Committees, he in that Case purchase the Number deficient upon the best Terms he can, and as many other Bayonets as the State may require; and that he draw the Money out of the General-Treasury accordingly.

Council of War to call in the Militia, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Council of War of this State call forth into actual Duty such Part of the Militia, Independent and Alarm Companies,

Companies, within this State, for the Defence thereof, as they shall from Time to Time think necessary, in the Order in which they have been draughted, to supply the Delinquencies of the Quotas to be furnished for the Purpose aforesaid by the States of the *Massachusetts-Bay, New-Hampshire* and *Connecticut*, and in the Proportion they shall be deficient therein.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That a Bounty of *Four Pounds* Lawful Money, for every Month, and in that Proportion for any shorter Time, be allowed to each non-commissioned Officer and Private, who shall be called and do Duty as aforesaid: And that the same Bounty be allowed to all the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the said Militia, Independent and Alarm Companies, who shall do Duty from and after the Rising of this Assembly.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Officers and Soldiers of the Militia, Independent and Alarm Companies, who may be called into actual Service as aforesaid, be allowed the same Wages and Rations as the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly Adjourn- unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That ment. the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the Second *Monday* of *February* next, then to meet at the State-House in the County of *Kent*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *A M E R I C A*.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Law

February, 1778.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the STATE of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second Monday in *February*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; Dep. Governor, ..

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

DANIEL CAHOONE, Esq;

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM WEST, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

} Assistants.

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; SPEAKER.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, Esq;
 Christopher Ellery, Esq;
 Thomas Rumreil, Esq;
 Mr. William Borden.

PROVIDENCE:

John Updike, Esq;
 Jabez Bowen, Esq;
 Theodore Foster, Esq.

PORTSMOUTH:

N O N E.

WARWICK:

Mr. James Rhodes,
 Othniel Gorton, Esq;
 Mr. Waterman Tibbits.

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, Esq;
 James Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

N O N E.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Nortnup, Esq;
 Sylvester Gardner, Esq.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Samuel Babcock, Esq;
 Samuel Segar, Esq.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, Esq;
 Thomas Tillinghast, Esq.

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
 Benjamin Underwood, Esq.

SMITHFIELD:

Mr. Peleg Arnold.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, Esq;
 Timothy Hopkins, Esq.

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. Daniel Owen,
 Capt. Asa Kimball.

CHARLESTOWN:

Gideon Hoxsie, Esq.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Elihu Greene,
 Mr. Isaac Johnson.

EXETER:

George Peirce, Esq;
 Pardon Tillinghast, Esq.

MIDDLETOWN:

N O N E.

BRISTOL:

Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON:

N O N E.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, Esq;
 William Richmond, Esq.

WARREN:

N O N E.

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, Esq;
 George Peck, Esq.

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, Esq;
 Robert Stanton, Esq.

CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, Esq;
 Gideon Comstock, Esq.

HOPKINTON:

John Maxson, Esq;
 Mr. George Thurston.

JOHNSTON:

Peleg Williams, Esq.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, Esq;
 Ezek Hopkins, Esq.

BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, Esq.

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Silas Matteson* preferred a *S. Matteson* permitted to subscribe the Test. Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he acknowledges himself a Subject of the *United States of America*, and of this State in particular, and is and always has been willing to do his Duty in Defence of his Country against the Enemies of said States, but has never signed the Declaration or Test-Act ; which Neglect has excluded him from the Benefit of the Laws of said State for the Protection of his Person and Property ; and that he never was called upon to sign said Test, and did not know that the Time for signing it was limited 'till it was too late ; and thereupon the said *Silas Matteson* prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and pardon his Neglect in not signing as aforesaid, and grant him the Liberty of signing said Declaration or Test.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Aylsworth* exhibited *R. Aylsworth* unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in helping to clean the State-House in *East-Greenwich*, and cutting Wood for the Use of said House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, five Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Richard Aylsworth*, out of the General Treasury. allowed £. 1 5 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Gaol-keeper in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Victuals by him provided for sundry Prisoners confined in said Gaol ; for the Use of his Horse which was impressed by Order of General *Varnum* ; and for the Ride of said Horse, on an Alarm, *A. Holden* allowed £. 2 5 4.

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harm, when the Troops landed at *Boston-Neck* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That two Pounds, five Shillings, and four Pence, of said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that the said Sum be paid unto the said *Anthony Holden*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to
examine
Cloathing.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Christopher Ellery* and *Peleg Arnold* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to examine the Cloathing returned into the Agent Clothier's Store, for the Use of the Troops raised by this State, by either of the Members of the Committee of Safety, or any other Person : And that they make Report, as soon as may be, to the Council of War.

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Fines of Jurors
raised.

WHEREAS the Fines for Non-attendance of Jurors, at the several Courts within this State, are found insufficient for the Purpose intended : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That every Person who shall be chosen in any Town, to serve either on the Grand or Petit Jury in any of said Courts, and being duly notified thereof, shall neglect to appear at the Court, on the Day by Law appointed ; or if any Person shall be returned by the Sheriff on a Writ of *Venire Facias* issued by any Court, in any particular Case, or upon a Coroner's Warrant to serve upon a Jury of Inquest, and shall neglect to appear : That in either and all such Cases such Person shall pay as a Fine the Sum of six Pounds : That the Fine of a Talesman for not attending, when returned, shall be thirty Shillings ; and that said Fines be collected and paid into the Town-Treasury, in Manner as is by Law directed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Names of all such Persons as have not subscribed the Test, who are not Members of the Society of *Friends*, and have not taken the Affirmation prescribed in an Act for the Relief of tender Consciences,

ces, be taken out of the Jury Box ; and that they be not permitted in future to serve as Jurors, on any Jury within this State.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy hereof be forthwith transmitted to the Town-Clerks of the several Towns within this State.

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WHEREAS, from the present exhausted State £. 53.000 borrowed out of the Treasury. of the Treasury, it is impossible to supply the recruiting Officers with a sufficient Sum for said Service, and discharge the present Demands against the State, unless some Method be adopted for the immediate Supply thereof : And it appearing to this Assembly impracticable to hire the Sum wanted : Wherefore *Resolved*, That fifty-three Thousand Pounds, Part of a certain Tax of thirty-two Thousand Pounds, and one other Tax of forty-eight Thousand Pounds, heretofore assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of this State, for the Purpose of sinking the same, be borrowed out of the General Treasury, for the Space of four Months from the Rising of this Assembly, or a shorter Time if said Sum can sooner be replaced : That as soon as the Money which is due from the Continent to this State is received, that the said Sum which shall be borrowed and received in Pursuance of this Resolve, be paid into the General Treasury, and be sunk agreeable to the Intent and Meaning of the Acts of this Assembly for assessing said Sums on the Inhabitants of this State : And that the Money, so borrowed, be applied to defray the necessary Charges of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Chan-* Committee to
ning, Esq; Attorney-General, *Rowse J. Helme* and prepare a Bill
Jabez Bowen, Esqrs; be, and they are hereby, ap- for prescribing
pointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for pre- an Oath of Fi-
scribing and establishing an Oath of Fidelity and delity, &c.
Allegiance to this State ; and that they Report the same as soon as may be.

Accounts between *W. Wilbour* and *G. Rome* to be settled by the Council of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Consideration of the Accounts subsisting between *George Rome* and *William Wilbour* be referred to the Council of War; and it is recommended to said Council, that they summon *John Cook*, Esq; to appear before them, to render an Account of the Stock, &c. belonging to the said *George Rome* and others, and by him disposed of in Behalf of this State; and also an Account of the Rents and Profits, by him received, of the real Estates heretofore taken Possession of in Behalf of the State.

J Northup to draw £. 500 out of the Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury.

Major *Flagg* to procure two Howitzers to be cast.

WHEREAS Gen. *Cornell* hath represented unto this Assembly, That there is a Number of Cannon, belonging to the State, that are rendered useless by reason of being burst and otherwise; and thereupon recommended to this Assembly, That they would appoint some suitable Persons to take such Cannon, and have them manufactured into two eight-inch Howitzers, or otherwise as they shall think proper: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Major *Josiah Flagg* be, and he is hereby, appointed to collect the above-mentioned Cannon, and have them manufactured into two eight-inch Howitzers, as soon as may be, for the Service of this State.

J. Reynolds to purchase Blankets and Hats.

WHEREAS General *Cornell* hath represented that there will be an absolute Necessity for five Hundred Blankets this Spring, and also for six Hundred Felt Hats immediately: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, directed to purchase the above Articles as soon as may be.

Acts granting a Bounty upon Salt repealed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Acts of this Assembly, allowing a Bounty on Salt manufactured

ed or imported within this State, be, and the same are hereby, repealed : And that said Bounty be not allowed for Salt heretofore manufactured or imported, unless the Person who demands the same shall, upon Oath, declare that the same was manufactured out of Salt Water, within this State, or imported previous to the passing of this Resolve.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. William Wilbour be, and he is hereby, permitted to subscribe the *Test*, heretofore ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State. *W Wilbour permitted to subscribe the Test.*

WHEREAS Mr. James Rhodes presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Plank, Boards and Nails, by him furnished, and Work and Labour done, in repairing Pawtucket Bridge ; and for his Services and Expences in attending on said Business : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That thirteen Pounds, one Shilling, and nine Pence, lawful Money, of said Account and no more, be allowed ; and that said Sum be paid unto the said James Rhodes, out of the General Treasury. *J Rhodes allowed £. 13 1*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Reynolds, Esq; Agent Clothier within this State, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw ten Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for purchasing such necessary Cloathing as is directed by a Resolve of Congress to be purchased and disposed of to the Officers commanding the Troops raised by this State ; and that said Money be appropriated to purchase the Blankets and Hats, ordered at this Session to be procured, as well as the necessary Cloathing above-mentioned. *J. Reynolds empowered to draw £. 10.000 to purchase Cloathing.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the four Companies in the Regiment of Artillery be divided into *Regiment of Artillery to consist of five Companies.*

to five Companies, which shall consist of the same Number of Officers as were assigned to the said four Companies.

Committee to
be appointed to
hear Petitions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly will, at the next Sessions, hear the Petitions which are now pending before them between private Parties : That, for that Purpose, a Committee be appointed by this Assembly, consisting of one Member from each County : That they hear the Parties fully, state the Facts, and report the same to this Assembly ; and that this Assembly will thereupon determine said Petitions.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy of this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette* ; that the Parties may have Notice hereof, and give their Attendance accordingly.



Officer's cho-
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BOTH Houses being Resolved in a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, *viz.*

In Col. *Elliott's* Regiment of Artillery.
George Richards, Quarter-Master.
Gideon Westcott, Second Captain.

Nathaniel Gladding, Captain-Lieutenant in Capt. *Sdyer's* Company.

Samuel Snow, Captain-Lieutenant in Capt. *Carlile's* Company.

Isaac Pitman, Captain-Lieutenant in Capt. *Westcott's* Company.

John Warner, Captain-Lieutenant in Capt. *Gardia's* Company.

Christopher Robinson, Captain-Lieutenant in Capt. *Adams's* Company.

Seth Barton, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Carlile's* Company.

William

William Badger, First Lieutenant in Capt. *West-coat's* Company.

William Page, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Garzia's* Company.

Squire How, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Adams'* Company.

Edward Price, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Sayer's* Company.

Benjamin Pitt, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Carlile's* Company.

John Cleveland, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Westcott's* Company.

Oliver Corey, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Garzia's* Company.

Champlin Lamphere, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Adams'* Company.

In Col. *Crary's* Battalion.

Nathan Olney, Captain.

Philip Morfe, Captain.

William Lawless, Captain.

Philip Palmer, First Lieutenant. *Rufus Barton*, First Lieutenant. *Benjamin Steward Wallcutt*, First Lieutenant. *Caleb Matthews*, First Lieut. *Daniel Sheldon*, First Lieutenant. *James Potter*, First Lieutenant. *Nathaniel Humphreys*, First Lieutenant. *Eleazer Randall*, First Lieutenant.

Benjamin Willcox, Second Lieutenant. *Simeon Dexter*, Second Lieutenant. *Joseph Chase*, Second Lieutenant. *Elijah Armstrong*, Second Lieutenant. *Samuel Northup*, Second Lieutenant. *William Richmond Wares*, Second Lieutenant. *Thomas Smith*, (Son of *John*) Second Lieutenant. *Israel Stoddard, jun.* Second Lieutenant.

Daniel Singer Dexter, Adjutant.

Abraham Andrews, Quarter-Master.

WHEREAS this Assembly did heretofore appoint *William Barton*, Esq; Colonel of the second
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Battalion ordered to be raised within this State :
And whereas the said *William Barton*, Esq; hath,
since his Appointment as aforesaid, been named
and chosen a Colonel in the Continental Service
by the Hon'ble Continental Congress; whereby
the said second Battalion is destitute of a Colonel;
the Place being vacant by the Promotion of the
said *William Barton* as aforesaid.

WHEREFORE,

John Topham, Esq; is chosen Colonel of the second Battalion.

Samuel Phillips, Esq; Major of Col. *Topham's* Battalion.

James Williams, Esq; Lieut. Colonel of Col. *Crary's* Battalion.

Christopher Manchester, Esq; Major of the same Battalion.

Abraham Tourtellott, Captain in the same Battalion.

Other Officers in Col. *Topham's* Battalion.

Alexander Thomas, Captain.

James Miller, First Lieutenant. *John Welch*, First Lieutenant. *Barber Peckham*, First Lieut. *William Dyre*, First Lieutenant. *Clarke Parker*, First Lieutenant. *Richmond Springer*, First Lieut. *Andrew Stanton*, First Lieutenant. *Joseph Springer*, First Lieutenant.

Amos Frink, Second Lieutenant. *Lebeus Cotterell*, Second Lieutenant. *Charles Hewitt*, Second Lieutenant. *John Miller*, Second Lieut. *Elias Jackson*, Second Lieutenant. *William Helme*, Second Lieutenant. *Timothy West*, Second Lieut. *Daniel Wall*, Second Lieutenant.

James Bliven, Quarter-Master.

Capt. *Malachi Hammet* is, at his Request, dismissed from his Command.

PURSUANT

PURSUANT to a Resolution of CONGRESS, of the thirteenth of *January* last, SOLOMON SOUTHWICK, Esq; is appointed Deputy Commissary-General of Issues, within this State.

THE following Persons are appointed to hear Petitions, and make Report thereon, viz.

Nathaniel Searle, jun. Esq; for the County of *Newport*.

John Dexter, Esq; for the County of *Providence*.

Edward Perry, Esq; for the County of *King's-County*.

Josiah Humphrey, Esq; for the County of *Bristol*.

Thomas Tillinghast, Esq; for the County of *Kent*.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *George Champlin* be appointed one of a Committee, heretofore appointed to adjust the Accounts of *George Irish* against the State, in the Room of Mr. *Benjamin Stelle*, who doth not accept his Appointment.

G. Champlin appointed to audit *G. Irish's* Account.

WHEREAS the Troops who are stationed in the Towns of *South* and *North Kingstown* are put to great Inconvenience for want of a due and sufficient Supply of Wood : And whereas the Proprietors of the Wood Lands, contiguous to where the Troops are quartered, do not willingly supply them with such Quantities of Wood as is necessary ; and as it is highly reasonable that each Person, who is a Proprietor of Wood, should furnish his Quota according to a just Proportion ; It is therefore Voted and Resolved. That the Proprietors or Tenants of the Wood Lands in *South* and *North-Kingstown*, which are near the Vicinity of where the Troops are quartered, forthwith assemble, and make and assess upon themselves, a just Proportion of Wood ; and deliver the same unto said Troops in such Manner as that there may be no Want thereof.

Inhabitants of *South* and *North-Kingstown* to supply Wood.

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AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if the said Inhabitants shall refuse or neglect immediately, upon Notice hereof, to conform thereto; that Brigadier-General *Cornell* cause the Deputy Quarter-Master-General, in said Department, to cut off from said Wood Lands a sufficient Quantity for the Use aforesaid; in such Manner as the said Brigadier-General shall direct: And that the said Deputy Quarter-Master-General be, and he is hereby, empowered to impress Teams for the Purpose of carting the same; using his Discretion that the Inhabitants in the Vicinity be equally called upon, according to their several Abilities; any Thing to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable Committee to inquire into the State of the General Hospital, *William Bradford* and *Jabez Bowen*, Esqrs; and *Col. Christopher Lippitt*, be, and they are hereby, appointed to examine into the State and Usefulness of the General Hospital within this State: And if in their Opinions it should be necessary to continue said Hospital, that they determine the Number of Officers for the same, and their Pay; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. Comstock allowed £. 15 2 4. *WHEREAS* *Job Comstock*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for twelve Pair of Yarn Stockings by him collected in the Town of *East-Greenwich*, and delivered at the Clothier's Store, for the Use of the Army: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being fifteen Pounds, two Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Job Comstock*, out of the General Treasury.

Wood to be cut from the Farms late Dr. *Moffatt's* and *G. Elam's*. *WHEREAS* there is now upon the Lands lying in *North-Kingstown*, late belonging to Doct. *Thomas Moffatt* and *Gervas Elam*, a very considerable

able Quantity of Wood, which is wanted for the Use of the Troops stationed in said *North-Kingstown* and *South-Kingstown*: Wherefore *Resolved*, That *Peter Phillips* and *Sylvester Gardner, Esqrs*; be, and they are hereby, appointed to give Directions unto the Deputy-Assistant Quarter-Master-General, to cut and cart from Time to Time such Quantities of Wood from the said Lands as they shall think prudent for the Supply of the said Troops; and that the Deputy Quarter-Master-General cause the same to be exactly measured, and an Account taken and given in to the Council of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Samuel Reynolds* be permitted to subscribe the *Test*, heretofore ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State. *S. Reynolds* permitted to subscribe the *Test*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to make and give under his Hand the following Certificate:

STATE of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*.

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THIS Certifies that the General Assembly, at December Session, 1777, appointed *William Barton, Esq*; Colonel of a Regiment ordered to be raised for twelve Months, for the Defence of the *United States* in general, and of the State afore-said in particular: That, at the Session held in February instant, *Col. Barton* informed the Assembly that he had an Appointment from the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, with the Rank and Pay of Colonel; but at present without Command; and that being most ardently desirous of exerting his utmost Abilities against the common Enemy, he was willing, provided he could obtain Permission of his Excellency General *Washington*, to command the said Regiment, upon

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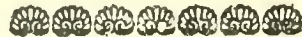
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his Pay from the Continent only ; by which Means he should also be freed from the disagreeable Situation of receiving the public Money without being in actual Service : And that the Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Voted*, That Col. *Barton* having received a Continental Appointment, and being liable to be called from the Command of said Regiment, and the Service of this State, upon the shortest Notice, did thereby vacate his Office in said Brigade ; and then appointed Col. *Topham* to the Command of said Regiment.

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P. Whipple allowed £. 4.

WHEREAS Doct. *Peck Whipple*, one of the Alarm Men of *Cumberland*, who was drafted to do Duty in the late intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, and was assigned by General *Spencer* to assist the Director of the General Hospital, laid before this Assembly an Abstract of his Pay for performing said Service : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Peck Whipple*, by one of the Committee of Safety.



Bill permitting Slaves to enlist into the Continental Battalions.

WHEREAS, for the Preservation of the Rights and Liberties of the *United States*, it is necessary that the whole Powers of Government should be exerted in recruiting the Continental Battalions : And whereas his Excellency General *Washington* hath inclosed to this State a Proposal made to him by Brigadier-General *Varnum* to enlist into the two Battalions, raising by this State, such Slaves as should be willing to enter into the Service : And whereas History affords us frequent Precedents of the *wisest*, the *freest*, and *bravest* Nations having liberated their Slaves, and enlisted them as Soldiers to fight in Defence of their Country ; and also whereas the Enemy with

a great Force have taken Possession of the Capital, and of a great Part of this State; and this State is obliged to raise a very considerable Number of Troops for its own immediate Defence, whereby it is in a Manner rendered impossible for this State to furnish Recruits for the said two Battalions, without adopting the said Measure so recommended.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That every able-bodied *Negro*, *Mulatto*, or *Indian Man Slave*, in this State, may enlist into either of the said two Battalions to serve during the Continuance of the present War with *Great-Britain*: That every Slave, so enlisting, shall be entitled to, and receive, all the Bounties, Wages, and Encouragements, allowed by the Continental Congress, to any Soldier enlisting into their Service.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That every Slave, so enlisting, shall, upon his passing Muster before *Col. Christopher Greene*, be immediately discharged from the Service of his Master or Mistress; and be absolutely *F R E E*, as though he had never been incumbered with any Kind of Servitude or Slavery. And in Case such Slave shall, by Sickness or otherwise, be rendered unable to maintain himself, he shall not be chargeable to his Master or Mistress, but shall be supported at the Expence of the State.

A N D whereas Slaves have been, by the Laws, deemed the Property of their Owners; and therefore Compensation ought to be made to the Owners for the Loss of their Service: *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That there be allowed, and paid by this State, to the Owner, for every such Slave so enlisting, a Sum according to his Worth; at a Price not exceeding one Hundred and twenty Pounds for the most valuable Slave; and in Proportion for a Slave of less Value. *Provided*, The Owner of said Slave shall deliver up
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to the Officer, who shall enlist him, the Clothes of the said Slave ; or otherwise he shall not be entitled to said Sum.

A N D for settling and ascertaining the Value of such Slaves, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That a Committee of Five be appointed, *to wit* : One from each County ; any Three of whom to be a Quorum, to examine the Slaves who shall be so enlisted, after they shall have passed Muster, and to set a Price upon each Slave according to his Value as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That upon any able-bodied *Negro*, Mulatto, or *Indian* Slave, enlisting as aforesaid, the Officer who shall so enlist him, after he shall have passed Muster as aforesaid, shall deliver a Certificate thereof to the Master or Mistress of said *Negro*, Mulatto, or *Indian* Slave ; which shall discharge him from the Service of his said Master or Mistress as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Committee who shall estimate the Value of any Slave as aforesaid, shall give a Certificate of the Sum at which he may be valued to the Owner of said Slave : And the General Treasurer of this State is hereby empowered and directed to give unto the said Owner of said Slave his promissary Note, as Treasurer as aforesaid, for the Sum of Money at which he shall be valued as aforesaid, payable on demand, with Interest at the Rate of six per Cent. per Annum ; and that said Notes, which shall be so given, shall be paid with the Money which is due this State, and is expected from Congress ; the Money which has been borrowed out of the General Treasury, by this Assembly, being first replaced.

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PROTEST. W E the Subscribers beg Leave to dissent from the Vote of the Lower-House, ordering a Regiment of *Negroes* to be raised for the Continental Service, for the following Reasons, *viz.* 1st.

First. **B**ECAUSE, in our Opinion, there is not a sufficient Number of *Negroes* in the State, who would have an Inclination to enlist and would pass Muster to constitute a Regiment ; and raising several Companies of Blacks would not answer the Purposes intended ; and therefore the Attempt to constitute said Regiment would prove abortive, and be a fruitless Expence to the State.

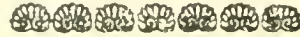
Secondly. **T**HE raising such a Regiment, upon the Footing proposed, would suggest an Idea, and produce an Opinion in the World, that the State had purchased a Band of **SLAVES** to be employed in the Defence of the Rights and Liberties of our Country, which is wholly inconsistent with those Principles of Liberty and Constitutional Government for which we are so ardently contending ; and would be looked upon by the neighbouring States in a contemptible Point of View, and not equal to their Troops ; and they would therefore be unwilling that we should have Credit for them, as for an equal Number of White Troops ; and would also give Occasion to our Enemies to suspect that we are not able to procure our own People to oppose them in the Field ; and to retort upon us the same Kind of *Ridicule* we so liberally bestowed upon them, on Account of *Dunmore's* Regiment of Blacks ; or possibly might suggest to them the Idea of employing Black Regiments against us.

Thirdly. **T**HE Expence of purchasing and enlisting said Regiment, in the Manner proposed, will vastly exceed the Expences of raising an equal Number of White Men ; and at the same Time will not have the like good Effect.

Fourthly. **G**REAT Difficulties and Uneasiness will arise in purchasing the *Negroes* from their
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Masters ; and many of the Masters will not be satisfied with any Prices allowed.

<i>John Northup,</i>	<i>George Peirce,</i>
<i>James Babcock, jun.</i>	<i>Sylvester Gardner,</i>
<i>Othniel Gorton,</i>	<i>Samuel Babcock.</i>



Col. Mathews
permitted to
subscribe the
Test.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Caleb Mathews be permitted to subscribe the *Test*, ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State ; and that he be thereupon entitled to all the Privileges, &c. as if he had subscribed the same within the Time limited by Law.

Vote upon the
Proceedings of
the Commis-
sioners who met
at New-Haven.

WHEREAS *William Greene* and *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; who were appointed Commissioners, on the Part of this State, to meet Commissioners from divers others of the *United States*, at *New-Haven*, pursuant to a Resolution of the Most Honorable the Continental Congress of the 22d of *November* last, reported to this Assembly a Copy of the Proceedings of the said Commissioners : Which being read and considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said *William Greene*, and *Jabez Bowen*, together with *Col. Christopher Lippitt*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill for regulating and ascertaining the Price of Labour, &c. agreeable to the said Report : That they regulate and ascertain the Prices of all Goods, &c. (Salt only excepted) which are not excepted by the said Resolve of Congress ; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

T. Greene to
pay for the
Wood cut off
from *Dr. Moffatt's*
late Farm.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Greene, Esq; Deputy Quarter-Master-General, be, and he is hereby, requested to pay the Value of the Wood, cut off from the Farm late belonging to *Doct. Moffatt* and *George Rome* in *North-Kingstown*, for the Use of the Troops, to Major *Sylves-*
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ter Gardner : And that the said *Sylvester* pay the same into the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Elijah Lewis* E. Lewis and others permitted to subscribe the Test. of *Westerly*, *Thomas Arnold* of *East-Greenwich*, and *John Singer Dexter* of *Cumberland*, be allowed, in the Presence of this General Assembly, to subscribe the *Test-Act* prescribed by this State; and that they shall thereupon be entituled to all the Advantages that might have arisen to them, had they subscribed the same at any Time heretofore.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That General *Cornell*, Committee to examine Muster-Rolls. and Col. *Christopher Lippitt*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to examine all Muster-Rolls concerning which any Disputes have arisen; and that they make Report to the Council of War.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Underwood* of *South-Kingstown*, *Benjamin Weaver*, *Elijah Johnson*, and *Abraham Shoemake* of *Warwick*, J. Underwood and others permitted to subscribe the Test. *Clarke Brown*, *Caleb Sisson*, *Robert Spencer*, *Job Hawkins*, and *Archibald Crary*, all of *East-Greenwich*, be allowed, in the Presence of this General Assembly, to subscribe the *Test-Act* prescribed by this State; and that they shall thereupon be entituled to all the Advantages that might have arisen to them, had they subscribed the same at any Time heretofore.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Cahoone*, Committee to draw Instructions for the Delegates in Congress. *Henry Ward*, and *Thomas Rumreil*, Esqrs; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to draw Instructions for the Delegates in Congress, respecting the Articles of Confederacy propoted to this Assembly by Congress for their Consideration and Approbation; and that the said Committee also draw Instructions, with full Powers, to the Delegates, to accede to the Confederacy.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the Business Business before the Superior Court at New- pending

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at *Providence*.

pending before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which was to be holden in and for the County of *Newport* on the first *Monday* of *March* next, be heard, tried and determined, before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, at *Providence*, in and for the County of *Providence*, on the third *Monday* of *March* next ; and that the same shall be as valid, to all Intents, Purposes, and Constructions, whatever, as though the said Business was heard, tried and determined, within the County of *Newport* : Any Thing to the Contrary hereof, in any Wise, notwithstanding : And that this Resolve be published in the *Providence Gazette*.

General *Cornell*
to examine the
Provisions
issued to the
Troops.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, That the Provisions which have been issued to the Troops stationed in *North-Kingstown* are unfit for Use ; and as it is of the highest Importance that good and wholesome Provisions should be issued to the Soldiery :

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq; Brigadier-General, be, and he is hereby, appointed, forthwith to proceed to *North-Kingstown*, and examine the Provisions that are in the Stores, which are to be issued for the Use of said Troops, and see that the same are good and fit for Use : *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said General *Cornell* be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered, to purchase such Quantities of good Provisions as are necessary ; and cause the same to be issued to the said Soldiers, until the Commissary can provide for them : And that the Money, for the purchase thereof, be drawn by the said General *Cornell*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to
draft a Bill for
taking a gene-
ral Estimate,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Gideon Hoxsie*, *Jabez Bowen*, *Job Comstock*, *Josiah Humphrey*, and *William Richmond* Esqrs; be, and they are hereby, appointed

appointed a Committee, to draft a Bill for taking a general Estimate throughout this State.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Henry Marchant*, *H. Marchant* Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, ^{allowed £. 103} by him charged against the State, for the Expences of himself, Servant and Horses, to, at, and from *Philadelphia*; and for his Services as a Delegate, from this State, in Congress: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being one Hundred and three Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Henry Marchant*, out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Rent of the Farm to be leased to Mr. *Samuel Carr* be the same for ^{ed to S. Carr} which it was leased the last Year, to be paid in ^{for Produce,} the Produce of the Farm, at the Prices at which ^{&c.} they were fixed by the first Bill for regulating the Prices of Goods, &c. within this State; and that the Taxes assessed on the same be paid by the said *Samuel*. And his Honor the Deputy-Governor is requested to proceed accordingly.

WHEREAS this Assembly hath no further Oc- ^{S. Martindale} casion of the Service of Major *Sion Martindale*, in ^{dismissed from} the Office to which he has been appointed: *It is* ^{the Service.} *therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Sion Martindale* be, and he is hereby, dismissed from said Office.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Thomas Rumreil*, *Christopher Lippitt*, *Samuel Babcock*, *Thomas Tillinghast*, and *Josiah Humphrey*, be, and they ^{Committee to} are hereby, appointed a Committee, to estimate ^{estimate} the Value of the Slaves who may enlist into the Continental Battalions, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly. ^{SLAVES.}

WHEREAS Mr. *Timothy Lock* presented unto ^{T. Lock allowed} ^{this £. 3 12.}

this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service and Expences in riding Express from *Tower-Hill* to *East-Greenwich*, by Order of Col. *Sands* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Timothy Lock*, out of the General Treasury.

Sheriffs to put
the Lessees of
the States
Lands into
Possession.

WHEREAS the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; has been, by a Resolution of this Assembly, appointed to lease the Farms heretofore taken Possession of in Behalf of this State : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriffs of the several Counties, within this State, be, and they are hereby, empowered and directed, to put into the Possession of the said Estates, within their respective Counties, the Persons who may hire the same agreeable to said Resolve.

B. Fry allowed
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WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Fry* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Use of his Horse for two Soldiers who were sick with the Small-Pox ; and for the Ride of two of his Horses through *King's-County*, after *TORIES*, and from thence to *Providence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, four Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Fry*, out of the General Treasury.

Sundry Estates
to be taken in-
to Possession.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the real Estate in *Little-Compton*, in the Possession of *James Chace*, jun. belonging to *James Chace* now on the Island of *Rhode-Island*, be taken Possession of in Behalf of this State, by the Sheriff or his Deputy for the County of *Newport* : That the real Estate in *Scituate*, in the Possession of *Fleet Brown*, belonging to *Charles Wickham* who is also on said Island, be taken

taken Possession of by the Sheriff for the County of *Providence* : That said Estates be leas'd by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, for Produce, at a publick Vendue, to the highest Bidder : That the Sheriff, for the County of *King's-County*, be directed to demand and receive from *Thomas Cutter*, late of *North-Kingstown*, all the Estate, both real and personal, now in his Possession, belonging to *Adam Ferguson* now on said Island : That the said real Estate be rented in Manner as is before directed : And that the Sheriff render an Account of the personal Estate, which may be by him received, to this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *Christopher C. Greene* to *draw £. 300.*
Greene be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury ; for paying the Bounties of the SLAVES who are permitted, by a Resolution of this Assembly, to enlist into the Continental Battalions.

WHEREAS a very considerable Number of *Gen. Cornell*
 Small-Arms, belonging to the Continent, were, by *to collect Muskets delivered to the Militia,*
General Spencer, delivered out to the Generals and Colonels, commanding Brigades, for the Use &c.
 of the Troops who were destined for the Attack of *Rhode-Island* ; who delivered out many of them to the Officers commanding the Militia, and other Officers in the fifteen Months Brigade, within this State : And whereas the said Guns have never been returned ; and the said Officers are now out of Service, and neglect to collect the same.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Brigadier-General *Ezekiel Cornell* be, and he is hereby, fully empowered, authorized and directed, to collect the said Guns, and return the same to General *Spencer* : *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said General *Cornell* be, and he is hereby, empowered to call Court-Martials upon any

any and every Person who received the same ; and proceed against them, with the Powers of Law-Martial, in the same Manner as though the said Persons were now in actual military Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Instructions be, and they are hereby, given to the Delegates appointed to represent this State in Congress, *to wit* :

INSTRUCTIONS to the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery, and Henry Marchant*, Esqrs; Delegates from this State in Congress, respecting the proposed Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the *Thirteen United States*.

First. BY the fifth Article, no State can be represented by less than two Members. As it will be inconvenient and burthensome for the small States to keep in Congress more than two or three Members, it may happen from Sicknefs, Death, or some other unavoidable Accident, that such State may have not more than one Member present in Congress ; and thereby be deprived of a Voice, which may be highly prejudicial. You are therefore instructed to move in Congress for an Alteration in that Article ; so that in Case by Sicknefs, Death, or any other unavoidable Accident, but one of the Members of a State can attend Congress, such State may be represented in Congress by one Member for such reasonable Space of Time as shall be agreed upon by Congress, and ascertained by the Articles of Confederation.

Secondly. TAXES ought to be assessed equally ; and nothing will have a greater Tendency to induce Freemen to submit to heavy Burthens, than an Opinion that they are justly proportioned : And as very material Alterations may happen in the Abilities of the different States to pay Taxes
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in the Course of a few Years ; You are instructed to move in Congress for the following Addition to the eighth Article, " That such Estimate be taken and made once in every five Years at least."

Thirdly. THE King of *Great-Britain*, before the present War, was vested with the Property of great Quantities of Land ; and enjoyed large Revenues arising from Quit-Rents within the *United States*.---By commencing and carrying on this unnatural War, with the avowed Design of reducing the *United States* to the most debasing and ignominious Servitude, that Crown hath justly forfeited such Lands and Revenues. If the Forfeiture takes Place it will be in Consequence of the Exertions of all the *United States*, by whom the War is supported.---Consequently all the *United States* ought to be proportionably benefited by the Forfeiture.---But should the several States in which such Lands lie, and Revenues are raised, appropriate them to their separate Use, they will at the End of the War be possessed of great Funds to reimburse themselves their Expences ; while those States which are not in that Situation, although at a proportionable Expence of Blood and Treasure in recovering such Forfeiture, not receiving any Benefit therefrom, will be left to struggle with an immense Debt, which is unequal and unjust.---The Claim of the Crown of *Great-Britain* to such Lands and Revenues was uncontested before the present War, none of the States having formed any Pretensions thereto, which is another cogent Argument why the Forfeiture ought to be vested in all the *United States*. Omitting many Things which your Attention to this important Object will suggest to You, it is proper to observe that Congress have promised Lands to the Army ; and that, unless they be provided out of such Forfeiture, several of the States, and this in particular, will be in a very unhappy Predicament : You are therefore instructed to move in Congress that it be inserted in the Ar-

ticles of Confederation, that all such Lands and Revenues be forfeited to the *United States*, to be disposed of, and appropriated, by Congress, for the Benefit of the whole Confederacy.---It is not meant, by this Instruction, that Congress should claim the Jurisdiction of the forfeited Lands ; but that the same should remain to the State in which it lies.

Fourthly. **ALTHOUGH** this Assembly deem the Amendments and Alterations herein proposed of very great Importance, yet the Completion of the **UNION** is so indispensibly necessary that You are instructed, after having used your utmost Influence to procure them to be made, in Case they should be rejected not to decline acceding, on the Part of this State, to the Articles of Confederation ; taking Care that these proposed Amendments and Alterations be previously entered upon the Records of the Congress, that it may appear they were made before the signing of the Confederation ; and that this State intends hereafter to renew the Motion for them.---This Assembly trusting that Congress, at some future Time, convinced of their Utility and Justice, will adopt them ; and that they will be confirmed by all the States.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That an Exemplification of this Act be made and transmitted by the Secretary, to the Delegates appointed to represent this State in Congress, who are indispensibly to observe and follow the said Instructions.

Delegates to
accede to the
Articles of
Confederation.

THIS Assembly having taken into Consideration the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the States of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia*, transmitted by Congress to this State ; and having had them repeatedly

repeatedly read, and having maturely weighed, and most seriously deliberated upon them, as their Importance to this and the other States, and to Posterity, deserves ; and considering also the pressing Necessity of completing the Union, as a Measure essential to the Preservation of the Independence and Safety of the said States, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins, Esq; William Ellery, Esq; and Henry Marchant, Esq;* the Delegates to represent this State in Congress, or any one of them, be, and they are hereby, fully authorized and empowered, on the Part and Behalf of this State, to accede to and sign the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, in such solemn Form and Manner as Congress shall think best adapted to a Transaction so important to the present and future Generations : Provided that the same be acceded to by Eight of the other States : And in Case any Alterations in, or Additions to, the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, shall be made by Nine of the said States in Congress assembled, That the said Delegates, or any one of them, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, in like Manner, to accede to and sign the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, with the Alterations and Additions which shall be so made.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly will, and do hereby, in Behalf of the said State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, in the most solemn Manner, pledge the Faith of the said State to hold and consider the Acts of the said Delegates, or any one of them, in so acceding to and signing the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, as valid and binding upon the said State in all future Time.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That a fair Copy of this Act be made, and authenticated under the publick Seal of this State, with the Signature

nature of his Excellency the Governor, and be transmitted to the said Delegates : And that the same shall be sufficient Warrant and Authority to the said Delegates, or any one of them, for the Purposes aforesaid.

H. Marchant to give his Attendance at Congress by the 20th of March next.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *Henry Marchant, Esq;* be, and he is hereby, requested to give his Attendance on Congress by the twentieth of *March* next : That when a Report shall be made by the several Legislatures of the Articles of Confederation proposed to them by Congress, he may with our other Delegate procure such Alterations therein as are agreeable to the Instructions given them by this Assembly.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy hereof, with an Exemplification of said Instructions, be transmitted to the said *Henry Marchant, Esq;* that he may proceed therewith accordingly.

Holmes Wightman to return Home.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Holmes Wightman* be, and he is hereby, permitted to return to his House and Family in *North-Kingstown*, to reside there, he behaving himself as a good and faithful Subject of this State ought to do ; any former Vote to the Contrary, notwithstanding.

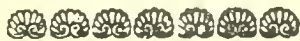
Money to be borrowed of P. Phillips, &c.

WHEREAS a considerable Sum of Continental Money is immediately wanted for the purchasing of the Clothes, &c. ordered to be furnished the Officers commanding the Continental Troops raised by this State ; and whereas three Thousand, nine Hundred, and sixty-six Pounds, lawful Money, can be borrowed for the Purpose aforesaid from *Peter Phillips, Esq;* and four Hundred and fifty Pounds, lawful Money, from *John Reynolds, Esq;* and three Hundred Pounds will be exchanged for the Money of this State by Mr. *Othniel Gorton* : Wherefore *Resolved*, That said Sum be exchanged ; and that the other Sums be borrowed ; and that the same be repaid in Continental

mental Money, with Interest, out of the General Treasury, as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eleazer Hatch, Holden Rhodes, William Howard, William Price, Wing Spooner, Benjamin Nichols, Edward Weeden, Samuel Granston, and Thomas Spencer, (Son of Benjamin) be, and they are hereby, permitted to subscribe the Test, ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State; and that thereupon they be entitled to all the Privileges as if they had subscribed the same within the Time limited by Law.

E. Hatch and others permitted to subscribe the Test.



A N A C T assessing and apportioning a Rate or Tax of thirty-two Thousand Pounds lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

Assessing a Tax of £. 32,000.

B E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax of thirty-two Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied upon the present Possessors of Land, and to be collected and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the first Day of May next; two-third Parts in Bills of public Credit emitted by Congress or this State, and the other third Part in Bills emitted by the Congress. And that seven Thousand five Hundred Pounds thereof be appropriated to the Payment of the fourth Part of a Tax of one Hundred Thousand Dollars, recommended by Congress, by a Resolve of the 22d of November last, to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, and to be paid into the Continental-Treasury; and that the Remainder of said Rate or Tax be appropriated to defray the Charges of the State.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be sixteen Shillings,

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lings, being six Pence for every Thousand Pounds. *Provided nevertheless*, That each Town in the State be empowered to reduce the Poll-Tax to such Sum as they shall think fit, so far as respects the Inhabitants of such Town: And that all male Persons of twenty-one Years of Age and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions, and those enlisted by this State for fifteen Months, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners, on board any armed Vessels in the Service of the Continent, or of this State) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, assessed unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit :

Newport,	£. 3472	17	6	
Portsmouth,	1356	19	2	
New-Shoreham,	317	9	8	
Jamestown,	523	7	4	
Middletown,	1013	11	10	
Tiverton,	1109	12	0	
Little-Compton,	982	1	10	
				£. 8775 19 4
Providence,	2660	8	0	
Smithfield,	1648	15	6	
Scituate,	1225	11	0	
Gloucester,	1069	7	0	
Cumberland,	621	5	10	
Cranston,	1133	15	2	
Johnston,	469	17	0	
North-Providence,	447	5	10	
				9276 5 4
Westerly,	886	8	4	
North-Kingstown,	1449	15	0	
South-Kingstown,	2795	13	4	
Charlestown,	731	1	10	

Richmond

Richmond,	591	14	4			
Hopkinton,	795	18	0			
Exeter,	823	17	6			
				£.8074	8	4
Bristol,	606	8	0			
Warren,	303	2	6			
Barrington,	342	3	0			
				1251	13	6
Warwick,	1520	11	4			
East-Greenwich,	807	3	8			
West-Greenwich,	573	7	4			
Coventry,	769	15	2			
				3670	17	6
				31049	4	0

The Proportion of
£. 50000, deducted
from Providence, £. 757 16 0

The Proportion of
£. 10000, deducted
from Bristol, 151 8 0

The Proportion of
2750, deducted from
East-Greenwich, 41 12 0

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority
aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall
not pay in their Proportions of said Tax at the
Time limited for the Payment thereof (except the
Towns of *Newport, Jamestown, New-Shoreham,*
Portsmouth and *Middletown*) as aforesaid, shall pay
Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until
the same be paid; and each delinquent Town
shall be responsible therefor to the General Treas-
urer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority
aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall
assess

assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is directed, and hereby required, to send a Copy thereof, within six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrants, within four Days, to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay, unto the General Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise, in or upon the Assessing, Levying and Collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

AND be it further Enacted, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay into the General Treasury, their Proportion of said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of said Tax (excepting the Towns before excepted) immediately after said first Day of May next, which Execution shall be returnable in thirty Days.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town, in this State, be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken:
And

And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State ; and the Judgment of said Special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer, and Collector of Rates, of their respective Towns to the General Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

AND be it further Enacted, That any Town within this State, who are dissatisfied with their present Assessors, or Rate-Makers, be empowered to call Town-Meetings, and appoint other Assessors ; any Law to the Contrary, notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That any Town which shall collect and pay into the General Treasury, before the Time limited in this Act for the Payment thereof, the Sum assessed upon said Town, or any Part thereof, the General Treasurer is empowered, and hereby directed, to pay Interest at six per Centum per Annum therefor, from the Time it shall be paid in, until the said first Day of May next ; which Interest shall be by the Collector paid into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Use of such Towns respectively.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town : And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.

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WHEREAS

J. Lyndon allowed £. 4 7. WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to *Providence*, to attend this Assembly, at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, seven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Spencer allowed £. 4 13. WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, and Sand provided for the same; for cutting three Loads of Wood; and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that four Pounds, thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Channing allowed £. 3 18. WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to attend on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Assistant-Clerk of the Lower-House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Vincent allowed £. 61 2. WHEREAS Mr. *William Vincent* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials by him provided for, and Labour done in, repairing *Pawtucket* Bridge: And the said Account being duly examined

mined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being sixty-one Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Vincent*, out of the General Treasury.

THE Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for establishing an Oath of Allegiance to this State, having reported the Draught of a Bill for that Purpose, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Consideration thereof be referred to the next Session: That a Copy of the same be inserted in the next *Providence Gazette*: And that one of the News-papers, containing it, be transmitted to each of the Town-Clerks in this State; who are hereby empowered to call Town-Meetings, to consider the said Bill, that the Sentiments of the Freemen thereon may be made known to this Assembly.

WHEREAS Mr. *Abraham Greene* presented *A. Greene's* unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for cleaning the State-House in *East-Greenwich*; and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abraham Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, That *Samuel Boone, William Boone, John Wightman* (Son of *Valentine*) *Ephraim Smith, Ebenezer Slocum, Charles Slocum, and Thomas Cutter*, have gone to the Island of *Rhode-Island*, and have joined the Enemy: Wherefore *Resolved*, That if the aforementioned Persons have absented themselves, that the Sheriff, for the County of *King's-County*, forthwith take Possession of their real and personal Estates, in Behalf of this State: That their real Estates, if

Bill prescribing
an Oath of Al-
legiance to be
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Sheriff of
King's County to
take in a Pol-
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any they have, be leased by his Honor the Deputy-Governor ; in the Manner in which other Estates, in the Possession of the State, have been directed to be leased : And that the personal Estate be accounted for, by the said Sheriff, with this Assembly.

J. Bowen allowed £. 52
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WHEREAS *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences to, at, and from *New-Haven* ; and for his Services as one of the Commissioners from this State, at the Convention held there : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being fifty-two Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jabez Bowen*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Greene allowed £. 68
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WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences to, at, and from *New-Haven* ; and for his Service as one of the Commissioners, at the Convention held there ; and for Wood by him provided for the Use of this Assembly : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being sixty-eight Pounds, eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and, in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to each Town Clerk in their

their respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby, adjourned to the Second *Monday of March* next, then to meet at the State-House in *South-Kingsdown*.

GOD save the UNITED
STATES of *America*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS

Henry Ward Lee



ATTLEBOROUGH: Printed by *S. Southwick*.

March, 1778.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY
of the STATE of *Rhode-Island*
and *Providence Plantations*, begun
and holden, by Adjournment, at
South-Kingstown, within and for
the said State, on *Monday* the
Ninth Day of *March*, in the Year
of our LORD, One Thousand
Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

The H O N O R A B L E

WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq;

D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R .

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;
DANIEL CAHOONE, Esq;
JOHN SAYLES, Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;
PARDON GRAY, Esq;

} Assistants.

ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

D E U T I E S

March, 1778.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; SPEAKER.

NEWPORT:

Thomas Rumreil, Esq.

PROVIDENCE:

John Updike, Esq;
Jabez Bowen, Esq;
Theodore Foster, Esq.

PORTSMOUTH:

NONE.

WARWICK:

James Rhodes, Esq;
Othniel Gorton, Esq;
Mr. Waterman Tibbits.

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, Esq;
James Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

NONE.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, Esq;
Sylvester Gardner, Esq.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Mr. Samuel Babcock,
Col. Samuel Segar.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, Esq;
Thomas Tillinghast, Esq.

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
Benjamin Underwood, Esq.

SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, Esq;
Mr. Peleg Arnold.

SCITUATE:

Job Randall, Esq;
Timothy Hopkins, Esq.

GLOUCESTER

Capt. Asa Kimball.

CHARLESTOWN:

Gideon Hoxfic, Esq.
Mr. Robert Congdon.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, Esq;
Judiah Aylsworth, Esq.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Elihu Greene,
Mr. Isaac Johnson.

EXETER:

George Peirce, Esq;
Mr. Pardon Tillinghast.

MIDDLETOWN:

NONE.

BRISTOL:

NONE.

TIVERTON:

Mr. Isaac Manchester,
Mr. William Cooke.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, Esq;
William Richmond, Esq.

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child.

CUMBERLAND:

NONE.

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, Esq;
Mr. Robert Stanton.

CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, Esq;
Gideon Comstock, Esq.

HOPKINTON:

John Maxson, Esq;
George Thurston, Esq.

JOHNSTON:

John Waterman, Esq.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, Esq;
Esek Hopkins, Esq.

BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, Esq.

WILLIAM CHANNING, Esq; Assistant-Clerk of the Lower-House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Pardon Taber*, Town-Serjeant of *Tiverton*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by *P. Taber* allowed *him* charged against the State, for cleaning the Meeting-House, in which the Soldiers had been quartered, for the Inferior Court to sit in : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Pardon Taber*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Bailey*, jun. one of the Town-Council of *Richmond*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by *R. Bailey*, jun. allowed *him* charged against the State, for Monies by him advanced, and for his Services in hiring Men to do duty upon the Shores : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Richard Bailey*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Walter Cook* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by *W. Cook* allowed *him* charged against the State, for the Hire of his Horse, and for his Time in numbering the Inhabitants of *Tiverton* in the Year 1776 : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Walter Cook*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *John Dexter*, Esq; one of the Committee appointed to hear the Petitions during the present Session of this Assembly, is unable to attend on said Business : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Job Randall*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed a Member of said Committee, in the Room of the said *John Dexter* : That the said Committee, or a major Part of them, be, and they are hereby, empowered to hear the said Petitions, and make such Determinations thereon as to them may appear just and equitable ; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly ; which being approved of, shall be final.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Simon Smith*, *Stephen Congdon*, and *Ezekiel Austin*, be permitted to subscribe the *Test*, heretofore ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State, before either House of Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *David Austin* be, and he is hereby, permitted to remove three Tons of Hay from off the Farm leased him the last Year by this State.

WHEREAS *David Sherman*, *James Whiteborn*, *John Albro*, *D. Sherman et jun.* *alios* permitted.

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to subscribe the
Test. jun. and *Clarke Albro*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That not having Occasion to transact much Business, they have hitherto omitted to subscribe the Test prescribed by Law in this State, not thinking but that they might have Liberty to sign the same whenever they should have Occasion to do : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them Liberty to subscribe the said Test.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted : And that the Petitioners, together with *Eleazer Trevett, Benjamin Perry, Samuel Helme, Daniel Tafft* the 3d, *Job Hawkins*, and *Robert Shearman*, be, and they are hereby, permitted to subscribe the said Test, before either of the Justices of the Superior or Inferior Courts within this State.

Time for pay-
ing in the last
Tax, lengthen-
ed. WHEREAS the Time for collecting the Tax of forty-eight Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, heretofore assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, hath expired : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Time be lengthened ; and that the Collectors of Taxes, in the several Towns, be allowed twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly to collect and pay the same into the General Treasury. And the General Treasurer is directed to issue Executions against the Town-Treasurers of the Towns who may be delinquent, immediately after the Expiration thereof.

D. Hall allow-
ed £. 1 16. WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Hall* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying Letters that came in a Flag from *Newport* to the Council of War at *Providence* ; and for his Time and Trouble in procuring *North-Kingstown's* Proportion of Blankets : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That one Pound, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, Part of the said Account, be allowed ; and that the said Sum be paid unto the said *Daniel Hall*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Foster to tax
the Sum of
£. 470 8 9 in
the Bill of Cost,
against the Ship
Syren, &c. WHEREAS the Hon. *John Foster*, Esq; Judge of the Maritime Court in this State, preferred a Memorial, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Council of War have recommended it to him to tax an Account respecting the Capture of the Ship *Syren* in the Bill of Cost ; but that they have not ordered and directed him to do it : That he is willing and desirous to pay all due Respect to the Council of War : But that as they have not ordered him to do so singular a Thing, there being no Law either for or against doing it, and he considers himself only as the Servant of the General Assembly, and cannot pretend to any Authority but what he receives from them ; and as the said Account amounts to so large a Sum ; he therefore
humbly

humbly prays this Assembly to direct and order whether the Amount of the said Account shall be taxed in the said Bill, and deducted out of the Amount of the Sales of the Ship *Syren*, for the Use of this State, before any Distribution be made to the Captors or not :

THIS Assembly having relinquished all their Claims to the said Prizes, or any Part thereof, do, on Consideration of the said Memorial, *Vote and Resolve*, and *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Judge of the Maritime Court, in this State, be, and he is hereby, ordered and directed, to tax the Amount of the said Account, being four Hundred and seventy Pounds, eight Shillings, and nine Pence, in the Bill of Cost, against the said Ship *Syren* ; and that the same be deducted from the Amount of the Sales, previous to any Distribution made to the Captors ; this State having relinquished all their Claims to the said Prizes, or any Part thereof.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Council of War be empowered to dispose of the Cannon at *Bedford* ; and such other Cannon, belonging to the State, as in their Opinion may not be necessary for the Service of the State. Council of War to dispose of the State's Cannon.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Pardon Gray*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw two Hundred Pounds; lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for paying the Wages and Repairs of the Sloop *Diamond*. *P. Gray* to draw £. 200.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Ballou* preferred a Petition, and presented unto this Assembly, That by the Assistance of several skilful Miners, he hath discovered a Silver Mine in his Land in *Cumberland* : That by a Trial already made, it appears to be very valuable : That there will be great Expence in opening the same : And that without Assistance he is not able to carry on such an Undertaking, which, when effected, will prove of singular Use to the *United States* in general, and to this State in particular : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to set forth a Lottery to raise the Sum of three Thousand Pounds lawful Money, to be appropriated for the Purpose of opening the said Silver Mine : Upon which Condition he doth promise and engage that this State shall have and receive the one fifth Part of the said Mine. upon being at that Proportion of the Expence, after the said Mine shall be opened as aforesaid. Committee to take into Consideration the Petition of *J. Ballou*.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Jabez Bowen*, *Jonathan Arnold*, and *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the foregoing Petition ; to go upon the Ground where it is supposed the said Mine hath been discovered ; and to make proper Examination and En-
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quiry respecting the Circumstances of the same, and the probability of Success; and that they make Report to this Assembly.

Committee to take into Consideration the Petition of the Officers of the Troop of Horse.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Slack, Daniel Manton, Edward Fenner, Caleb Harris, and William Potter*, commissioned Officers of the Troop of Horse, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That influenced by the purest Motives of Regard and Love for the Safety, Honor, and Happiness of their Country, at a Time when invaded by a numerous and powerful Enemy, in the Year 1775, they, with others now belonging to the said Troop, formed the Design of establishing a Troop of Horse for the Defence of the Country: That this Assembly granted them a Charter, with the Powers and Privileges therein contained: That in Consequence thereof, and that they might not be unworthy of the Favours therein granted, they have been at a very great Expence in keeping suitable Horses, and military Equipage, always ready at a Moment's Warning, to go upon immediate Duty: That they have always fully performed every Thing required of them by their Charter; not doubting but that the Privileges and Honors therein contained would be fully preserved upon them: That their Horses, which are the best in the Country, have been in the Service of the Public, in going Expresses, &c. at only two Shillings per Day Expence to the State: That in the late intended Expedition upon *Rhode-Island*, one Half the said Troop was on Duty: That the Use of their Horses, and necessary Expences, have always exceeded their Wages: And that, notwithstanding the Privileges in their Charter, Doubts have arisen whether they are entitled to the same Payment as Officers of Foot of the same Rank in the Militia; upon which Account, Payment for their Services in the said Expedition hath been delayed: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and to Order that such of them as have been in the Service of the State at any Time heretofore, and have not been paid, be allowed and paid the same Wages as have been allowed to Officers of the same Rank in the Militia Regiments of Foot, which they conceive themselves clearly entitled to by their Charter.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Christopher Lippitt, Gideon Comstock, Esq;* and Major *Sylvester Gardner*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the foregoing Petition; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly, at the next Session.

W. Potter allowed £. 54 6.

WHEREAS *William Potter, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time of himself, and a Number of Hands, in picking up and securing

securing the Stuff belonging to the State-House in *King's-County*; and for divers other Charges and Expences respecting the same: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being fifty-four Pounds, six Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *William Potter* and *Daniel Rodman*, Esqrs; who were appointed a Committee to receive the Rents due upon the sequestered Estates, made Report of their Proceedings to this Assembly; and also exhibited the following State of the Account thereof:

STATE of *Rhode-Island* in Account current with *William Potter* and *Daniel Rodman*,
Report of *W. Potter* and *D. Rodman* for Rents received for sequestered Estates, and they to pay £. 247 14 5½ into the General Treasury.

1777. To Cash paid <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; as per Receipt,	Dr.	£. 30	0	0
To ditto paid <i>James Congdon</i> , as per ditto,		315	6	0
To Rent and Repairs allowed, to be paid by <i>Boyer</i> to <i>G. Rome</i> .		57	15	6½
To Cash ready to be delivered,		247	14	5½
To the Amount of our Account, for Cash paid for drawing the Leases, and for Horse-hire, Time and Expences, in performing the Service,		16	4	0
		£. 667	0	0

Creditor.

By <i>David Austin's</i> Rent for the Year 1777,	£. 24	0	0
By <i>Charles Dyre's</i> ditto,	30	0	0
By <i>Christopher Robinson's</i> ditto, for 1775, 1776, and 1777,	40	0	0
By <i>Stephen Boyer's</i> ditto, 1776 and 1777,	195	0	0
By <i>Silas Niles's</i> Rent 1½ Year to April 1777.	378	0	0
	£. 667	0	0

N. B. *Rowland Robinson's* Rent unsettled,

To the Honorable the General Assembly.

THE above Account for Rent due to the State, in *King's-County*, is humbly submitted by your humble Servants,

William Potter,
Daniel Rodman.

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WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted; and that the Balance of said Account, being two Hundred and forty-seven Pounds, fourteen Shillings, and five Pence, Half-penny, lawful Money, be paid by the said *William Potter* and *Daniel Rodman* into the General Treasury; and that thereupon the General Treasurer discharge the Leases, and deliver the same to the said *William Potter* and *Daniel Rodman*, that they may deliver them to the Lessees and take up their Receipts.

Sheriff of Bristol to take Possession of Oyl in *M. Luther's* Hands.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Oyl in the Possession of *Mr. Martin Luther*, which was delivered him by *Jacob Isaacks* of *Newport*, be taken Possession of by the Sheriff for the County of *Bristol*, in Behalf of this State; that he make Report to the Council of War within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that the same be disposed of under their Direction.

Masters of in-listed apprenticed Slaves to receive the Interest, and the Owners the Principal.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Masters of all Negro Slaves who are bound out as Apprentices, that already have inlisted, or shall inlist into the Continental Service, shall be entitled to receive out of the General Treasury the annual Interest of the Sum the said Slaves shall be appraised at, until the Expiration of their Apprenticeships; and that the Money remain in the Treasury until the Expiration of said Apprenticeships, and then be paid to the Owner without Interest.

W. Clarke, &c. permitted to subscribe the Test.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Walter Clarke* of *Richmond*, *Peter Smith* of *South-Kingstown*, and *Samuel Underwood* of *Exeter*, be allowed and permitted to subscribe the Test prescribed by this State; and that thereupon they shall be entitled to all the Benefits and Advantages thereby arising to the Subjects of this State, in as full a Manner as though the same had been subscribed by them at any Time heretofore.

Deputy-Governor to receive back Rents, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive the back Rents due for the Farms taken Possession of in Behalf of this State; and that he pay the same into the General Treasury.

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Committee to open Subscriptions for Money for the Continent.

WHEREAS the Most Honorable the Continental Congress did, on the twenty-second of *November* last, pass the following Resolution, *to wit* :

" WHEREAS Advantages have arisen from the Establishment of Continental Loan-Offices, on which Congress continue to place great Dependence; in order therefore, as far as it is practicable, to ascertain the Supplies for the War, which may be raised in the several States upon Loan-Office Certificates, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Legislatures,

" gislatures; or in the Recess of any of them to the executive
 " Authority of the respective States, to cause Subscriptions to
 " be opened, under the Inspection of one or more respectable
 " Citizens within each Town or District, specifying the Names
 " of the Lenders, and the Sums they are willing to lend; and
 " that a Copy of such Subscription Papers shall, from Time to
 " Time, be sent to the respective Commissioners of the said
 " Loan Offices, and by them transmitted to Congress; provid-
 " ed that no Certificate shall issue for less than two Hundred
 " Dollars."

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
 That the following Persons be appointed for the Purpose afore-
 said; to wit: His Honor the Deputy-Governor, Messrs. *Thomas*
Rumreil, John Brown, James Rhodes, Joshua Babcock, John Nor-
thup, Samuel Babcock, Thomas Tillinghast, John Sayles, Timothy
Hopkint, Asa Kimball, Gideon Hoxsie, Thomas Gorton, Elihu
Gretne, Pardon Tillinghast, Pardon Gray, Nathaniel Searle, jun.
Cromell Child, James Lovett, Edward Perry, Christopher Lippitt,
George Thurston, Caleb Harris, Stephen Jenckes, and Josiah
Humphrey.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That they make Report
 of their Doings to this Assembly, at the next Session; and that
 a Copy hereof be sent to each of the above-named Persons.

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An ACT in Addition to, and Amendment of, an Act passed the
 last Session of this Assembly, for assessing a Tax of thirty-two
 Thousand Pounds.

Act in Addi-
 tion to, and A-
 mendment of,
 the Act for as-
 sessing a Tax
 of £. 32,000.

WHEREAS it was the Intent and Meaning of this As-
 sembly, at the Time of passing the aforesaid Act, that
 the said Tax should be assessed upon the real and personal Es-
 tates of the Inhabitants of this State, agreeable to the Laws
 thereof heretofore made and provided for assessing the public
 Taxes, saving only that the several Towns had Liberty, if they
 saw fit, to reduce the Poll-Tax; that the Tenants who held,
 and were in Possession of, Farms by Lease, either written or
 parole, for one Year next previous to the Time of passing the
 aforesaid Act, should pay that Proportion of the Tax which
 should be assessed on their respective Farms: And whereas
 the same was not clearly expressed by the aforesaid Act, and
 Doubts and Disputes have arisen thereon:

THEREFORE, for removing the same, *Be it Enacted by*
the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby
Enacted, That the said Tax shall be levied and assessed agree-
 able to the Meaning and Intent of this Assembly, as is above
 herein expressed: That this Act be published in the *Providence*
Gazette, and that the Secretary, as soon as possible, send Co-
 pies hereof to the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this

State not in the Possession of the Enemy, by them to be delivered to their Assessors.

General Cornell
to repair *W.*
Greene's House
for a Guard-
House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That General Cornell be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed, to make such Repairs on the House in *North-Kingstown*, belonging to *William Greene*, Esq: which hath been made Use of, and is further wanted, as a Guard-House, as may be necessary for accommodating the Soldiers who may be quartered in the same.

Report of *E.*
Cornell and *C.*
Lippitt.

WHEREAS *Ezekiel Cornell* and *Christopher Lippitt*, Esqrs; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

To the Honorable the General Assembly, now sitting at *South-Kingstown*.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by this Assembly, a Committee, to examine and certify certain Abstracts now in our Hands, do, upon examining the same, beg Liberty to represent the following Facts :

First. ADJUTANTS and Quarter-Masters have done Duty, and charged their Pay, when there was not a sufficient Number of Men on Duty to entitle them to the same, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly of the thirtieth of *April* last.

Secondly. A MUCH larger Number of Captains and Subalterns than are entitled to their Pay by the abovesaid Act, have also charged for the same : Also Subalterns have charged Captains Pay ; and Serjeant-Majors, and Quarter-Masters Serjeants, Quarter-Masters Pay.

Thirdly. THERE are a larger Number of Privates in the Abstracts, than are contained in the weekly Returns.

Fourthly. SEVERAL Guards called on Duty, by the Honorable Major-General *Spencer*, have charged the same Bounty that was given from Time to Time to the Militia, without any Authority so to do.

A L L which being fully considered, we are of the Opinion that we are not clothed with Power sufficient to do Justice both to the Public and Individuals. Where Men have done Service equally alike, it is difficult for us to say which shall receive Pay, and which not, with any Degree of Certainty : We would rather recommend that so much be allowed as appears just, agreeable to the abovesaid Act and the weekly Returns ; and that an equal Dividend be made to and among the whole Number charged, according to their Pay.

OF the Guards that were appointed by General *Spencer*, we can say nothing more than that the Committees of Safety have

have heretofore, as we have been informed, allowed them the same Bounty the Militia have had. It appears the Acts of Government are silent in regard to them. We have before us General *Spencer's* Orders for fixing some of them, in which he promiseth them Pay and Rations that shall inlist to the Number settled.

WE beg Liberty further to represent, That it is our humble Opinion, that neither Adjutants nor Quarter-Masters, serving in open and direct Violation of Law, be allowed any Pay, although the Service is done.

THERE being a Number of Abstracts that there are no weekly Returns to support, we would recommend that the Privates be paid according to the several Abstracts : And that the Officers be treated as other Officers are ; but that this be not brought as a Precedent in future.

All which is submitted, by
Your Honors most obedient humble Servants,
Ezekiel Cornell,
Christopher Lippitt, } Committee.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be received : That said Committee, together with *Nathaniel Mumford, Esq;* Auditor of Accounts, settle and adjust the Accounts of the Officers and Privates, therein referred to, agreeable to the said Report : That the Guards appointed by Major-General *Spencer* be allowed and paid the Bounties, Pay and Rations, agreeable to the Assurance given them by Major-General *Spencer* ; but that the same be not called into Precedent in future, of which the said Committee are required to inform Major-General *Spencer* ; and that the supernumerary Officers receive Pay as Privates.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Billington* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding *Thomas Billington*, a Soldier in Capt. *Thompson's* Company, in this State's Brigade, who was sick at his House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Billington*, by *James Congdon* the Third, as one of the Committee of Safety.

D. Billington
allowed £. 4
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WHEREAS *William Potter, Esq;* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Wood by him supplied for the Use of the Superior and Inferior Courts, in the County of *King's-County*, and for the Use of this Assembly : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that

W. Potter allowed £. 9.

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that the Amount thereof, being nine Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

D. Rodman allowed £. 2 8.

WHEREAS *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for attending upon the Upper-House of Assembly, at *May* second Session, A. D. 1777, as Secretary; and for attending one Day, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

H. Marchant's Reasons for not proceeding to Congress satisfactory.

WHEREAS *Henry Marchant*, Esq; as Delegate for this State in Continental Congress, was required by this Assembly, at their last Session, to proceed to Congress, so as to join that Body by the twentieth of *March*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Reasons offered by him for not proceeding are satisfactory, and that this Assembly approve of his Conduct therein.

Deputy-Governor to write to *New-London* respecting the Character of *W. Gorton*.

WHEREAS the Hon'ble *William Bradford*, Esq; was empowered, by a Resolution of this Assembly, to lease the Estates taken Possession of by this State, at public Vendue, to such Persons only as should be friendly to the *United States*: And in Pursuance thereof, at a public Vendue, the real Estate in *Point-Judith* was struck off to *William Gorton*, of *New-London*, in the State of *Connecticut*, who was the highest Bidder for the same: And whereas it hath been represented to this Assembly, that the said *William Gorton* is inimical to the *United States*: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Messenger be immediately despatched with a Letter from his Honor the Deputy-Governor, to the Committee of *New-London*, to obtain Information of the Character and Conduct of the said *William Gorton*: And if the said Committee shall not certify that the said *William* is friendly to the *United States*, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Bid of the said *William*, made as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby, declared null and void: And that the said Estate be leased to *Job Watson*, who was the next highest Bidder, if he inclines to take a Lease thereof for the Sum of Money, and upon the Conditions he bid for the same; or otherwise the Deputy-Governor is empowered to lease the same at public Vendue, agreeable to the former Resolution of this Assembly; and that the said *William Gorton* be notified thereof, as soon as may be.

J. Collins to carry forward the State's Accounts, &c. and to receive the Money.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Collins*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed and required, to proceed to Congress, with the Accounts of this State against the *United States*, there to

to confer with the Delegate or Delegates of this State thereon : And that the Delegates of this State be requested to apply to Congress for the Amount of the Sum due to this State : And that the said *John Collins*, as soon as the said Money shall be ordered, and be by him received, bring the same forthwith, and lodge the same in the General Treasury of this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to hire a Sum of Money (if needed, to supply the Treasury) not exceeding twenty Thousand Pounds, lawful Money ; and that he give his Note or Notes for the same, payable upon Demand, with Interest at six per Cent. per Annum until paid.

General Treasurer to hire £. 20,000.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences in attending on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Assistant-Clerk of the Lower House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being seven Pounds, seven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Channing allowed £. 7 7.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly do approve of the Resolution of the Council of War, made and passed in March current, respecting allowing the Officers two Shillings, lawful Money, for each retained Ration ; and that the same continue in Force until repealed by this Assembly, or the Council of War.

Resolve of the Council of War allowing 2/. for each retained Ration, approved.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for carrying Acts of Assembly to the Colonels of Militia, and Captains of Independent Companies, &c. in *King's-County* ; and for carrying several Acts of Assembly to the Town-Clerks and to the Members of Assembly, in said County : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being ten Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Beriah Waite*, out of the General Treasury.

B. Waite allowed £. 10 10.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the Officers and Soldiers who have been in the Service of this State, in the fifteen Months Brigade, whose Time of Inlistment expires on the sixteenth Day of *March* instant, be paid by the several Committees of Safety all the Wages due to them, immediately upon the Expiration of their Inlistments : That such of the said Soldiers as have not been furnished with the Clothing, Hats or Shoes, promised to them at the Time they entered the Service, have the same immediately furnished and delivered ; or that

Officers and Soldiers in the State's Brigade to be paid off, &c.

the Person or Persons to whom the same is due, be paid therefor such Price for the deficient Articles as the Council of War shall assess, at the Option of the Person to whom the same is due : And whereas it hath been represented, That more Cloathing for the said Brigade hath been issued out, from the several Committees, than was sufficient for Cloathing the said Brigade ; and hath not been delivered agreeable to the Order of the Assembly : *It is therefore Ordered*, That the several Committees of Safety make strict Enquiry respecting the same, and call the Persons to whom the same was delivered to account therefor : And that the several Committees of Safety, throughout the State, immediately send forward all the Cloth or Clothing, in their Possession, to the Agent-Clothier at *Providence*

N. Helme allowed £. 3 15. WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Helme* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for attending on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Helme*, out of the General Treasury.

E. Tefft allowed £. 4 4. WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session ; and for washing the State-House in *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that four Pounds, four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Cross allowed £. 1 10. WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Cross* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on the Committee appointed to hear *private* Petitions : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Cross*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Tefft allowed £. 3 15. WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Tefft* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Solomon Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Job Watson* be permitted to remove his Hay from off the Farm at *Point-Judith*, heretofore leased him by this State, unless he should hire the same, or should obtain Permission from the Person to whom it may be leased to use the Hay on said Farm ; and that he be permitted to fodder out his Hay upon said Farm, until the twentieth Day of *April* next : That the said *Job Watson* and *Stephen Champlin* retain each one Hundred and twenty Dollars of the Rent due for said Estate, until the next Session of this Assembly ; when the Damages they may have received in not being put into the Possession of said Estate, at the Time mentioned in the Lease, may be enquired into, and determined by this Assembly.

J. Watson permitted to remove Hay, &c. off the Point Farm, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of the Committee, appointed to draft a Bill ascertaining the Prices of Goods; &c. agreeable to the Report of the Committee convened at *New-Haven*, be accepted : And that the Consideration of the said Report, and of the Bill for prescribing an Oath of Fidelity and Allegiance, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the next Sessions of this Assembly.

Report of the Committee for drafting a Bill to regulate the Prices of Labour, &c. referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq, Agent-Clothier in this State, immediately purchase Silk sufficient to make two Standards for the Regiments now raising in this State, of the Quality and Quantity that Col. *Bowen* shall direct.

J. Reynolds to purchase Silk for two Standards.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Resignation of Mr. *George Richards*, Quarter Master of the Regiment of Artillery raising by this State, be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

G. Richards' Resignation accepted.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Baggs*, jun. of *Richmond*, in the County of *King's-County*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That being draughted to go in the intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island* he readily turned out, and being one who was ordered to be equipped by the said Town of *Richmond*, received his Arms, and marched with the Troops by the Way of *Boston-Neck*, and when there undertook to discharge and clean his Gun, by Order of the Commanding Officer, in doing of which his Gun split, and tore his Hand so much that he has almost entirely lost the Use of it ; which deprives him of working at the Cooper's Business, which he used to practice for a Livelihood ; besides which, he hath suffered great Loss of his Time, and a considerable Expence : And thereupon the said *John Baggs*, jun. prayed this Assembly to take the Matters aforesaid into Consideration, and grant him such Allowance as should be thought proper.

J. Baggs, jun. Petition.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Consideration of the above Petition be referred

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ferred to the Committee, appointed agreeable to a Resolution of Congress, to examine the Soldiers who may be wounded in the Continental Service.

Committee to value the Stock upon the Point Farm.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Gideon Hoxsie*, *Joseph Hoxsie*, and *James Babcock*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to value the Stock belonging to the Estate at *Point-Judith Point*, agreeable to the last Lease of the said Estate, and deliver the same to the Person who may hire the said Estate the Year ensuing.

Committee to audit *G. Irish's* Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *John Dexter*, *John Updike*, and *William Richmond*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Mr. *George Irish* with this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Sitting of the Council of War limited to a certain Number of Days.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That it be, and it is hereby, recommended to the Council of War to meet, at the Expence of the State, no more than six Days in every other Week; unless the Importance of the Business should make it necessary, in the Opinion of his Excellency the Governor, for the Council to meet oftener: That they do not meet on *Sundays*, unless on great and urgent Occasions: And that the Council of War insert an Advertisement in the *Providence Gazettee*, giving Notice of the Time they shall appoint for transacting the public Business.

General-Treasurer to put in Suit the Bonds against Town-Treasurers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to put in Suit the thirty per Cent. Bonds given by the Town-Treasurers, who were committed to Gaol upon Executions issued by the General Treasurer, for Taxes which were due and unpaid, to the first Court proper to try the same.

S. Boone's and *T. Cutter's* Estates to be sold at Vendue.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff for the County of *King's-County*, or his Deputy, be, and he is hereby, directed to sell all the personal Estate of *Samuel Boone*, late residing in *North-Kingstown*; and all the Estate of *Thomas Cutter*, consisting of Snuff, &c. now in *Hopkinton*, at public Vendue, as soon as may be, after once advertising the same in the *Providence Gazettee*: That the Snuff, &c. in *Hopkinton*, be sold at the Place called *Hopkinton City*: That the said Sheriff pay the Taxes, which are due from the Estate of *Samuel Bourn*, out of the Monies arising from the Sale of his said Estate; and that he pay the Remainder thereof into the General Treasury.

Persons who have neglected to subscribe the Test, permitted to subscribe the

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons within this State, who have neglected to subscribe the Test prescribed by an Act of the General Assembly, be, and they are hereby, permitted to

to subscribe the same, before either the Superior or Inferior Court of the County within which the Person lives, who shall apply at any Time on or before the first *Wednesday* in *May* next ; provided that the said Courts shall, upon enquiry and examination into the Life, Conduct, and Conversation, of the Person applying, be convinced he is a Friend to the Independence of this State, and of the *United States* : That upon their subscribing said *Test*, they shall be entitled to, and receive, the same Benefits, Advantages and Immunities, as the Subjects of this State are, who have already subscribed the same ; any Act to the Contrary hereof, notwithstanding : And that this Act be published three Weeks, successively, in the *Providence Gazettee*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Perry*, Town-Treasurer of *Richmond*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash by him paid for the Support and Maintenance of *Sarah Jones*, one of the Poor of *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being ten Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Edward Perry*, out of the General Treasury : And *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That as the said *Sarah Jones* is one of the Poor of *Newport*, the same shall be held as a Debt against the Town of *Newport*.

E. Perry allowed £. 10 10.

It is Voted and Resolved, That those Persons who were known to be Freemen in either of the Towns of *Newport*, *Portsmouth*, *Middletown*, and *Jamestown*, before the Enemy took Possession thereof, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, to meet, for the Purpose of choosing General Officers and Deputies for their respective Towns, at the following Places, to wit : Those of *Portsmouth* and *Middletown* at the House of *William Dursley*, in *Tiverton* ; and those of *Jamestown* at the House of *Matthew Allen*, in *North-Kingstown*, on the third *Wednesday* in *April* next, and at each of the said Places at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, they conducting such Choice agreeable to the Usages and Practices in their respective Towns heretofore ; and that a Copy of this Resolve be inserted in the next *Providence Gazettee*.

Towns of *Newport, &c.* to choose Deputies.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff, for the County of *King's-County*, purchase two Gallons of Rum on Account of the State, and deliver the same to the Soldiers who have been employed as Guards during the Sitting of this Assembly.

Sheriff of *King's-County* to purchase 2 Gallons Rum for the Guards.

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I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonels of the several Regiments of Militia within this State, be and they are hereby empowered to receive a sufficient Number of Cartridges

Militia, &c. to be furnished with Cartridges.

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tridges and Flints, belonging to this State, from the Laboratory, or elsewhere, to furnish the Captains of the several Alarm and Militia Companies, belonging to their respective Regiments which are deficient, so that each Soldier in their respective Companies be supplied with seventeen Rounds, and with two Flints, the Colonels and Captains giving and taking Receipts for the same : That the Captains of the several Companies choose out a sufficient Number of Cartridges to fit the Bore of the Gun of each Soldier in his Company, wrap them up in Paper, and mark thereon the Names of the Persons for whom they are chosen out : That they keep them in their Possession until an Alarm, when they are to be delivered to the Soldiers ; and that the Commanding Officer of each Independent Company in this State be empowered in like Manner to receive a sufficient Number of Cartridges and Flints for his Company, and directed to observe the same Order respecting them as is above given to the Captains of the Alarm and Militia Companies.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That whenever the several Companies shall be dismissed from the Service upon which they shall at any Time be called out, the Captain or Commanding Officer of each Company shall collect the Cartridges which shall not have been expended, and wrap them up, and keep them in Manner as above directed : And that Return be made to the Colonel or Commanding Officer of each Regiment, or Independent Company, of the Cartridges which shall or may be expended, and of the Occasion, that they may be replaced.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue his Warrant, to each Colonel and Commanding Officer aforesaid, agreeable to this Act, that the same may be carried into Execution immediately.

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General Election to be held at Providence.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Election, for the Choice of Officers, for the Year ensuing, be held at Providence.

Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in Providence, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby, adjourned to the first Tuesday in May next, at Providence

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vidence (if called) but if not called before, nor at said Time,
that then the same be, and hereby is, dissolved.

GOD SAVE the *UNITED*
STATES of *America*.

TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS

Henry Ward Law

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the said State, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T.

His Excellency

Nicholas Cooke, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN TANNER, Esq;

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

Assistants,

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Rumreil,
 Mr. William Borden,
 Mr. Robert Stevens, *jun*.

PROVIDENCE:

Mr. John Updike,
 Major Elihu Robinson,
 Theodore Foster, *Esq*;
 Capt. Paul Allen.

PORTSMOUTH:

None.

WARWICK:

John Warner, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Holden,
 Mr. John Greene (*Son of David*)
 Mr. Thomas Rice (*Son of Thomas*)

WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, *Esq*;

NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*;
 Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Mr. Enoch Hazzard,
 Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq*;
 Thomas Tillinghaff, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq*;

SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;
 Mr. Peleg Arnold.

SCITUATE:

Timothy Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. Christopher Potter.

GLOUCESTER:

Timothy Wilmarth, *Esq*;
 Mr. Caleb Arnold.

CHARLESTOWN:

Col. Joseph Stanton, *jun*.
 Jonathan Hazzard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;
 Judiah Ayllsworth, *Esq*;

COVENTRY:

Stephen Potter, *Esq*;
 Mr. Daniel Bucklin.

EXETER:

George Peirce, *Esq*;
 John Chapman, *Esq*;

MIDDLETOWN:

None.

BRISTOL:

William Bradford, *Esq*;
 Nathaniel Fales, *Esq*;

TIVERTON:

Capt. Isaac Manchester,
 William Cooke, *Esq*;

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;
 Mr. Adam Simmons.

WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child.

CUMBERLAND:

James Lovett, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Lapham.

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*;
 Robert Stanton, *Esq*;

CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, *Esq*;
 Mr. Peter Burlingame, *the 3d*.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *Esq*;
 George Thurston, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON:

Mr. John Smith,
 Caleb Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. Ezek Esten.

BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, *Esq*;

The Honorable JOSHUA BABCOCK, *Esq*, was chosen Speaker, and
 WILLIAM CHANNING, *Esq*, Clerk of the Lower House

THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil and Officers military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, the ^{chosen.} Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List, were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit*:

His Excellency WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Honorable JABEZ BOWEN, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.

John Tanner, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

Christopher Ellery, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

John Sayles, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Arnold, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

James Arnold, jun. Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

Gideon Comstock, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Job Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

Peter Phillips, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Immanuel Case, Esq; Ninth Assistant.

Pardon Gray, Esq; Tenth Assistant.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

William Channing, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

DELEGATES to represent the State in CONGRESS.

The Honorable Stephen Hopkins, Esq;

The Honorable William Ellery, Esq;

The Honorable Henry Marchant, Esq;

The Honorable John Collins, Esq;

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Militia in the Town of Cumber- ^{Alteration in} land, and the Third Company of Militia in the Town of Cranston, be and ^{the First Re-} they are hereby annexed to the First Regiment of Militia in the County ^{giment of} of Providence. ^{Militia in} ^{Providence;}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Henry Ward, Theodore Foster, and Rowse ^{Committee to} J. Helme, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to ^{draft a Bill} draft a Bill, agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-third of ^{for granting} April last; and that they make Report as soon as may be. ^{Pardons, &c.}

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the ^{Officers for} Independent Company of Kingston Reds, in the County of King's County, ^{the Kingston} which are as follow, *viz.* ^{Reds.}

John Waite, Captain.

Nathan Taylor, First Lieutenant.

Samuel Eldred, Second Lieutenant.

Gardner Tefft, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and hereby are approved.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of ^{Officers} the following Officers, *to wit*: ^{chosen.}

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- Superior*
- Shearjathub Bourn*, Esq; Chief
Thomas Wells, Esq; Second
Paul Mumford, Esq; Third
Stephen Potter, Esq; Fourth
Christopher Lippitt, Esq; Fifth
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- Justice of the ~~Inferior~~ Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and throughout the State.
- John Mathewson*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Joseph Noyes*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.
- Nathan Miller*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.
- Thomas Holden*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.
- John Cooke*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.
- Cbad Brown*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Charles Dyre*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.
- Archibald Kaffon*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.
- William West*, Esq; Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Simon Whipple*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Jesse Maxson*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.
- Peter Church*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.
- Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.
- Pardon Gray*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.
- John Angell*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Thomas Potter*, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.
- Thomas Gorton*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.
- Richard Fenner*, jun. Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Thomas Sheffield*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.
- Peleg Heath*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.
- Job Pearce*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.
- Nathaniel Church*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.
- Asa Kimball*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.
- Jonathan Maxson*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

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Isaac Johnson, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

<i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , Esq; Chief <i>Christopher Ellery</i> , Esq; Second <i>Walter Cooke</i> , Esq; Third <i>Philip Taylor</i> , Esq; Fourth <i>William Taggart</i> , Esq; Fifth	}	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> .
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<i>Thomas Greene</i> , Esq; Chief <i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; Second <i>Rufus Hopkins</i> , Esq; Third <i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq; Fourth <i>Daniel Mowry</i> , jun. Esq; Fifth	}	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> .
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<i>William Potter</i> , Esq; Chief <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; Second <i>Carder Hazard</i> , Esq; Third <i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , Esq; Fourth <i>Immanuel Case</i> , Esq; Fifth	}	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's County</i> .
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<i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq; Chief <i>John Child</i> , Esq; Second <i>Joseph Reynolds</i> , Esq; Third <i>Josiah Humphrey</i> , Esq; Fourth	}	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> .
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<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq; Chief <i>James Arnold</i> , Esq; Second <i>Gideon Mumford</i> , Esq; Third <i>Benjamin Tillinghast</i> , Esq; Fourth <i>Preserved Pearce</i> , Esq; Fifth	}	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> .
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The Honorable *John Foster*, Esq; Judge of the Maritime Court erected for the Trial of Prize Causes, within and throughout the State.

Caleb Harris, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Edward Perry, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *King's County*.

Jonatban Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Andrew Boyd, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Constant Taber, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Freeman Perry, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's County*.

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Daniel Bradford, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Jabez Champlin, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

William Rhodes, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*.

Richard Smith, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Richard Fry, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

John Foster, *Samuel Chace*, and *James Arnold*, jun. Esquires, the Grand Committee, or State's Trustees.

John Foster, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office.

Jacob Whitman, Esq; General Sealer of Weights and Measures within and throughout the State.

Henry Ward, Esq; Public Notary in and throughout the State.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

Edward Price First Lieutenant, and *Reuben Johnston* Second Lieutenant, in Capt. *Joshua Sayer's* Company, in the Regiment of Artillery.

Justices of the Peace for the several Towns.

PROVIDENCE. *Samuel Chace*, *John Foster*, *Theodore Foster*, *Joseph Martin*, *Nathaniel Wheaton*, *Benjamin Cushing*, jun. and *James Arnold*, jun. Esquires.

WARWICK. *Thomas Rice*, *Adam Comstock*, *William Greene* (Son of *Philip*) and *James Ferauld*, Esquires.

WESTERLY. *Joseph Crandall*, *Joseph Clarke*, *Samuel Berry*, *Joseph Maxson*, and *Joseph Pendleton*, Esquires.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN. *William Hammond*, *Eber Sherman*, *George Thomas* (Son of *Samuel*) *Caleb Hill*, *Daniel Hall*, and *Joshua Davis*, Esquires.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN. *Samuel Tefft*, *Nathaniel Gardner*, *Freeman Perry*, *Samuel Perry*, *Caleb Tefft*, *Adam Gould*, *Richard Gardner*, and *James Sheldon*, Esquires.

EAST-GREENWICH. *Hopkins Cooke*, *Job Comstock*, *William Pearce*, *Allen Johnston*, and *Benjamin Tillinghast*, Esquires.

SMITHFIELD. *Stephen Arnold*, *Daniel Smith* (Son of *Elisba*) *Uriah Alverfon*, and *Ichabod Comstock*, Esquires.

SCITUATE. *Benjamin Slack*, *Jeremiah Angell*, *Peleg Fisk*, *John Westcott*, and *Stephen Kimball*, Esquires.

GLOUCESTER. *Timothy Wilmarth*, *Silas Williams*, *Jonathan Harris*, *Zebedee Hopkins*, *Moses Cooper*, *Caleb Arnold*, and *Aaron Arnold*, Esquires.

CHARLESTOWN. *Peleg Cross*, *Christopher Babcock*, *James Congdon*, the 3d, *Nathaniel Sheffield*, and *Thomas Ross*, Esquires.

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WEST-GREENWICH. *Judiab Aylsworth, Thomas Tillinghast, Thomas Gorton, Benjamin Johnston, Jonathan Niles, and Jonathan Deane, Esquires.*

COVENTRY. *John Rice, William Stone, Joseph Matthewson, Jonathan Olin, and Isaac Johnson, Esquires.*

EXETER. *George Pierce, Nicholas Gardner, and Robert Crandall, Esquires.*

BRISTOL. *Josiah Finney, John Howland, jun. and John Coomer, Esquires.*

TIVERTON. *Joseph Taber, Benjamin Jencks, Gilbert Deval, Joseph Almy, and Joseph Shearman, Esquires.*

LITTLE-COMPTON. *Israel Stoddard, Aaron Wilbur, Adam Simmons, and Enos Gifford, Esquires.*

WARREN. *William Turner Miller, William Barton, and Daniel Cole, Esquires.*

CUMBERLAND. *John Dexter, Peter Darling, Nathaniel Shepardson, and Jotham Carpenter, Esquires.*

RICHMOND. *Edward Perry, George Webb, Robert Stanton, Joseph Woodmansie, jun. and Thomas Telft, Esquires.*

CRANSTON. *Job Manchester, Nehemiah Knight, Andrew Harris, and John Pain, Esquires.*

HOPKINTON. *John Maxson, Edward Wells, Francis West, Rouse Babcock, and Robert Burdick, Esquires.*

JOHNSTON. *Abraham Belknap, Noah Matthewson, Caleb Harris, Edward Fenner, and Andrew Harris, Esquires.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE. *Edward Tripp, William Bagley, Hope Angell, and Jabez Whipple, Esquires.*

BARRINGTON. *Samuel Allen, and Moses Tyler, Esquires.*

CAPTAIN *Charles Keene, Inspector of Steel in and throughout the State.*

Officers to command the several Trained Bands, or Companies of Militia, within the State.

PROVIDENCE. First Company. *Abimelech Riggs Captain, Hezekiah Dayton Lieutenant, Joseph Allen Ensign.*

Second Company. *Lewis Peck Captain, Samuel Hamlin Lieutenant, Walker Harding Ensign.*

Third Company. *Charles Keene Captain, Benjamin Comstock Lieutenant, Seth Wheaton Ensign.*

Fourth Company. *James Snow Captain, Zephaniah Brown Lieutenant, Joseph Fuller Ensign.*

WARWICK. First Company. *Job Randall Captain, James Arnold (the 3d) Lieutenant, James Carder Ensign.*

Second Company. *Squire Miller Captain, James Ferauld Lieutenant, John Stafford Ensign.*

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Third Company. *Thomas Rice* (Son of *Thomas*) Captain, *Anthony Holden*, jun. Lieutenant, *Stukely Stafford* Ensign.

WESTERLY. First Company. *Joshua Pendleton* Captain, *Ephraim Pendleton* Lieutenant, *Simeon Pendleton* Ensign.

Second Company. *John Gavit* Captain, *Stephen Saunders* Lieutenant, *William Bliven* Ensign.

Third Company. *George Stillman* Captain, *Peleg Saunders* Lieutenant, *Afa Maxson* Ensign.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN. First Company. *Peter Wright* Captain, *Edward Dyre* Lieutenant, *Samuel Dyre* Ensign.

Second Company. *James Albro* Captain, *James Eldred* Lieutenant, *Lawrence Pierce* Ensign.

Third Company. *John Brown* Captain, *Joshua Vaughan* Lieutenant, *Beriah Waite*, Ensign.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN. First Company. *Timothy Lock* Captain, *Daniel Tefft* Lieutenant, *William Stedman* Ensign.

Second Company. *Stephen Babcock* Captain, *Joseph Carpenter* Lieutenant, *John Weeden* Ensign.

EAST-GREENWICH. First Company. *William Hall* Captain, *William Sweet* jun. Lieutenant, *David Andrews* Ensign.

Second Company. *Allen Johnston* Captain, *Michael Spencer* Lieutenant, *George Bailey* Ensign.

JAMESTOWN Company. *Edward Carr* jun. Captain, *John Weeden* (Son of *Daniel Weeden*, jun.) Lieutenant, *Samuel Carr* Ensign.

SMITHFIELD. First Company. *Samuel Day* Captain, *Richard Sayles*, jun. Lieutenant, *William Gully* Ensign.

Second Company. *Ebenezer Trask* Captain, *Simeon Ballou* Lieutenant, *David Aldrich* Ensign.

Third Company. *Joseph Sprague* Captain, *Daniel Mowry* (the 4th) Lieutenant, *Benjamin Sheldon* Ensign.

SCITUATE. First Company. *Jonathan Knight* Captain, *Angel Sweet* Lieutenant, *David Wigbt* Ensign.

Second Company. *Simeon Herrenden* Captain, *George Dorrance* Lieutenant, *James Tyler* Ensign.

Third Company. *Coomer Smith* Captain, *Jabel Angell* Lieutenant, *Samuel Angell*, Ensign.

Fourth Company. *Isaac Hopkins* Captain, *Ozial Smith* Lieutenant, *William Walker* Ensign.

Fifth Company. *Samuel Wilbour* Captain, *Thomas Field* Lieutenant, *William Potter* Ensign.

Sixth Company. *William Howard* Captain, *James Wells* Lieutenant, *Samuel Perkins* Ensign.

GLOUCESTER. First Company. *Stephen Olney* Captain, *Benjamin Burlingame* Lieutenant, *Stephen Irons* Ensign.

Second

Second Company. *Samuel Mayes* Captain, *Daniel Matthewson* Lieutenant, *James Colwell* Ensign.

Third Company. *Abraham Winsor* Captain, *Richard Lewis* Lieutenant, *Nathaniel Wade* Ensign.

Fourth Company. *Stephen Winsor* Captain, *Isaac Ross* Lieutenant, *Israel Smith* Ensign.

CHARLESTOWN. First Company. *John Parks* Captain, *Gideon Hoxsie jun.* Lieutenant, *Christopher Babcock* Ensign.

Second Company. *Amos Greene* Captain, *Beriah Lewis* Lieutenant, *Daniel Stafford* Ensign.

WEST-GREENWICH. First Company. *Joseph Hopkins* Captain, *Benjamin Weaver* Lieutenant, *William Case* Ensign.

Second Company. *Benjamin Gorton* Captain, *Caleb Greene* Lieutenant, *Joseph Weaver* Ensign.

Third Company. *Joseph Draper* Captain, *Joseph James* Lieutenant, *Judiah Aylsworth, jun.* Ensign.

COVENTRY. First Company. *Benedict Colvin* Captain, *John Colvin* Lieutenant, *William Potter* Ensign.

Second Company. *William Roy* Captain, *William Burlingame* Lieutenant, *Elijah Weaver* Ensign.

Third Company. *Langford Weaver* Captain, *Samuel Greene, jun.* Lieutenant, *John Bucklin* Ensign.

Fourth Company. *Afa Bennet* Captain, *Joseph Kinyon* Lieutenant, *Thomas Parker, jun.* Ensign.

EXETER. First Company. *Jonathan Bates, jun.* Captain, *Daniel Tillinghast* Lieutenant, *John Congdon, jun.* Ensign.

BRISTOL Company. *William Throop* Captain, *Joseph Reynolds, jun.* Lieutenant, *Jonathan Diamond* Ensign.

TIVERTON. First Company. *Isaac Cooke* Captain, *Philip Corey* Lieutenant, *Philip Manchester* Ensign.

LITTLE-COMPTON. First Company. *Ephraim Simmons* Captain, *Samuel Cooe* Lieutenant, *William Simmons* Ensign.

Second Company. *George Simmons* Captain, *John Davis* Lieutenant, *Stephen Pierce* Ensign.

CUMBERLAND. First Company. *Enoch Weatherhead* Captain, *Benjamin Wilkinson* Lieutenant, *Joseph Razee* Ensign.

Second Company. *Amos Whipple* Captain, *Abalom Ballou* Lieutenant, *William Emmerston* Ensign.

RICHMOND. First Company. *Richard Bailey, jun.* Captain, *John Woodmansie* Lieutenant, *Joshua Webb* Ensign.

Second Company. *John Clarke* Captain, *Jeremiah Tefft* Lieutenant, *Pardon Tefft* Ensign.

CRANSTON. First Company. *Anthony Potter* Captain, *Josiah Potter* Lieutenant, *Thomas Congdon* Ensign.

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Second Company. *Frederick Williams* Captain, *Nathaniel Carpenter* Lieutenant, *John Harris* Ensign.

Third Company. *William Field* Captain, *Joseph Potter* Lieutenant, *Nebemiah Burlingame* Ensign.

HOPKINTON. First Company. *Henry Wells* Captain, *Sylvanus Maxson* Lieutenant, *Thomas Wells, jun.* Ensign.

Second Company. *George Thurston, jun.* Captain, *Randall Wells* Lieutenant, *Joseph Thurston* Ensign.

Third Company. *Jesse Burdick* Captain, *Uriah Crandall* Lieutenant, *Lebbeus Cotterel*, Ensign.

JOHNSTON. First Company. *Daniel Sprague* Captain, *Robert Potter* Lieutenant, *Isaac Arnold* Ensign.

Second Company. *Emor Olney* Captain, *Daniel Angell* Lieutenant, *Laban Waterman* Ensign.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE Company. *Eleazer Jenckes* Captain, *Samuel Olney* Lieutenant, *Esek Olney* Ensign.

BARRINGTON Company. *Vial Allen* Captain, *Daniel Kinnicut* Lieutenant, *James Martin* Ensign.

Officers for
the *Kentish*
Guards.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Kentish* Guards, which are as follow, *to wit* :

Richard Fry, Esq; Colonel.

William Arnold, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.

Griffin Greene, Esq; Major.

Charles Greene, Captain.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and hereby are approved.

Officers of the
Smithfield and
Cumberland

THE Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland* Rangers was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit* :

George Peck, Captain.

Edward Thompson, First Lieutenant.

Levi Brown, Second Lieutenant.

William Bowen, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

Second and
Third Com-
panies in *Ex-*
eter to do Du-
ty in the First
Company.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Second and Third Companies of Militia of the Town of *Exeter* be annexed to and do Duty under the Command of the commissioned Officers of the First Company of Militia of said Town, until Officers shall be appointed by this Assembly for the said Second and Third Companies.

G. Pierce al-
lowed £. 20.

WHEREAS *George Pierce*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State. for a Quantity of Beef delivered the

the Commissary, for the Use of the Troops stationed at *North-Kingsdown* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Balance thereof, being *Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Pierce*, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, in Continental Bills, out of the General-Treasury ; and that he account for the same as a Delegate for this State. *H. Marchant*
to draw £100

WHEREAS the following Form of a Commission, to be issued to the Delegates appointed to represent this State in Congress, was laid before this Assembly, *to wit* : Draught of a
Commission
for the Dele-
gates in Con-
gress.

By His Excellency WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Governor,
Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the State of Rhode-
Island and Providence Plantations.

To

Esq; Greeting.

WHEREAS by the free Vote of the Freemen of the said State, on the First *Wednesday* in *May* inst. you the said was elected a Delegate, to represent the said State, for one Year, in the General Congress of Delegates from the Thirteen United States of *America*, now sitting at *York-Town*, in the State of *Pennsylvania*, or wherever the same may sit : I do therefore, in the Name of the Governor and Company of the said State, hereby authorize, empower and commissionate you, the said in Conjunction with the other Delegates that are or may be elected Delegates of the said State, or separately and alone, in case of the Sickness or necessary Absence of the other Delegates of said State, to represent the said State in the said General Congress; and in Behalf thereof to join with the Delegates from the other States, or major Part of them, in all such Measures as shall be thought best for defending and promoting the Welfare of the said United States, agreeable to the Instructions given, or that may be given you by the General Assembly. This Commission, so far as it empowers you to act separately and alone, is to continue good in that Respect, unless it should be provided by the Articles of Confederation that no State shall be represented by less than Two Delegates; in which Case any Two of the said Delegates, if no more than Three are present, or otherwise the major Part of those present, are empowered to execute this Commission, which is also to be understood to continue in Force until you shall be superseded, and another Delegate shall appear to take your Place.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said State, at Providence,
this Day of in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Seventy-eight.

By His Excellency's Command.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Draught be and the same is hereby approved; and that his
Excellency

May, 1778.

Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Commission, under the public Seal of the State, to each of the Delegates appointed to represent this State in the Most Honorable the Congress of the Thirteen United States of *America*, agreeable to the aforementioned Form; and that the same be countersigned by the Secretary.

Committee to examine Cloathing. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Updike*, *Stephen Potter*, and *Christopher Ellery*, Esquires, and Mr. *Robert Stevens*, jun. be a Committee to examine the Cloathing returned into the Deputy Agent-Clothier's Store, in this State, by *John Cooke*, Esq; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

J. Reynolds to supply Continental Officers with Cloathing, &c. THIS Assembly taking into Consideration the Memorial of Major-General *Sullivan* of this Day, to the General Assembly, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; having, in Pursuance of a Resolve of Congress of the Fifteenth of *November* last, and at the Request of *James Mease*, Esq; Agent-Clothier-General, by his Letter of the Twenty-first of the same Month, been appointed Deputy Agent-Clothier-General within this State, is therefore to be considered to all Intents as a Continental Officer, and the Cloathing in his Store as Continental Cloathing.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That it be recommended to the said *John Reynolds* to supply all Continental Officers with Cloathing out of his Store, agreeable to the Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-second of *November* last, upon their producing to him an Order therefor from the Honorable Major-General *Sullivan*.

J. Reynolds allowed £ 81. 9 s. 9 d. WHEREAS Mr. *John Reynolds* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Two Yoke of Oxen, Two Ox Yokes, and Two Chains, which were taken from him by Virtue of a Warrant from Col. *Christopher Greene*, to transport Stores to the Army: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Ninepnce* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Reynolds*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Lyon permitted to go to *Newport*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Miss *Susannah Lyon* be and she is hereby permitted to go upon *Rhode-Island*, in the first Cartel Vessel; and that she have Liberty to carry on with her her wearing Apparel, she obtaining the Approbation of General *Sullivan* for that Purpose.

J. Bates, jun. 4th Justice for *Exeter*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jonathan Bates*, jun. Esq; be and he is hereby appointed the Fourth Justice of Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

Delegates to bring forward Vouchers from Congress. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates of this State be, and they or either of them are hereby empowered to bring forward the Vouchers of this State's Accounts against the Continent, as soon as they can do it with Convenience, unless it should appear to them necessary to detain the said Vouchers at *York-Town*.

T. Cranston to be removed from Mr. *Smith's Farm*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Cranston*, now under Confinement by Order of the Council of War, be permitted, with the Consent of the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, to remove from Mr. *John Smith's*, in *Johnston*, to his Son *Thomas Cranston's*, in *North Kingstown*, there to continue

continue within the Limits of his said Son's Farm, until the further Orders of this Assembly or the Council of War, he giving Bond with the said *Thomas Cranston, jun.* and *Edward Hefzard*, as Sureties, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, that he will continue a true Prisoner within the said Limits, until further Order as aforesaid.

WHEREAS *William Bentley, Henry Oman, John Harwood, John Newton, William Pitman, and Richard Thomas*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that having been great Sufferers by the Enemy, and having been driven off from their Habitations in *Newport*, they have now fixed up a Boat, in order to catch Fish at *Point-Judith*: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Commission, to make Reprisals upon any of the Enemy's Shipping that may fall in their Way, as they propose to equip themselves with Arms for their Defence: And further prayed this Assembly to supply them with Arms sufficient for the said Purpose, they giving therefor Security.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal to *William Bentley*, one of the Petitioners; and that Col. *Daniel Tillinghast* supply the Petitioners with Six good Muskets, they giving Security to account for the same when called for.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Nichols* be and he is hereby permitted to subscribe the Test, ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State.

J. Nichols
permitted to
subscribe
the Test.

WHEREAS Mr. *Hezekiah Wilcox* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Freight of a Quantity of Salt, belonging to the State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Five Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Hezekiah Wilcox*, out of the General-Treasury.

H. Wilcox
allowed
£ 8 15 s. 7 d.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Abigail Read* laid before this Assembly an Account, by her charged against Lieutenant *Rufus Barton*, for nursing *Thomas Thornton*, a Soldier belonging to Col. *Crary's* Battalion, while sick with the Small-Pox; and for Wood, Provisions and other Necessaries provided for him: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abigail Read*, out of the General-Treasury.

A. Read al-
lowed
£ 13 16 s.

WHEREAS Dr. *James Mason* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the said Lieutenant *Rufus Barton*, for Visits, Medicines, and Attendance on the aforesaid *Thomas Thornton*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Mason*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Mason al-
lowed
£ 3 12 s.

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WHEREAS

S. Hopkins
allowed
£ 344 12 s.
7 d.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences to, at and from *Philadelphia*; and for his Services as one of the Delegates from this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Three Hundred and Forty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, due to the said *Stephen Hopkins*, be paid him out of the General-Treasury.

J. Jenckes to
deliver Powder
to D.
Tillinghast.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Jenckes* deliver the Powder in his Possession, belonging to this State, to Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*.

J. Ellis al-
lowed
£ 7 1 s. 11 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Ellis* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding one *John Sutton*; a Soldier in Col. *Crary's* Battalion, while sick with a Fever at his House, and for Necessaries provided for him: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds One Shilling and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Ellis*, out of the General-Treasury.

Town-Coun-
cil of Hop-
kinton allow-
ed £ 22 8 s.
9 c.

WHEREAS Mr. *Abel Tanner*, Clerk of the Town-Council of the Town of *Hopkinton*, presented unto this Assembly an Account, charged by the said Town-Council against the State, for Provisions provided for the Soldiers by them raised for the late intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, in October last: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-two Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, in full Satisfaction of the said Account, be paid unto the said Town-Council of *Hopkinton*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Cooke cited
to answer for
his Conduct
in purchasing
Cloathing.

WHEREAS by a Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Cloathing returned into the Clothier's Store, by *John Cooke*, Esq; Thirty-two Coats, Seventy-four white Shirts, and Four check Shirts, being Part thereof, are unfit for Service; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Cooke* be required to appear before this Assembly, at the next Session thereof, to render an Account of his Conduct in purchasing the same; and that the said Cloathing be not disposed of until the further Orders of this Assembly.

Thanks
given to the
Governor
and Deputy-
Governor.

His Excellency *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; late Governor, and his Honor *William Bradford*, Esq; late Deputy-Governor of this State, having entered upon their said Offices at a Time of great public Danger, Difficulty and Distress, and discharged the Duties of their Stations with patriotic Zeal, Firmness and Intrepidity: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be given them in Behalf of this State for their aforesaid Services; and that the Secretary deliver a Copy hereof to each of them.

J. Baggs, jun.
allowed
£ 35 8 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Baggs, jun.* laid before this Assembly an Account of the Expences he was put to after he left boarding with Dr. *Chace*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That whereas the said Charge of Board accrued in Consequence of a Wound received by him, while in the Service of the United States; and whereas there was no public

public Hospital within Thirty Miles of the Place in which said Wound was received: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of said Account, being *Thirty-five Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Baggs, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, *Negro, Mulatto and Indian* No Slave to
Slaves, belonging to the Inhabitants of this State, are permitted to enlist inlist after the
into the Continental Battalions, ordered to be raised by this State, and are 10th of June
thereupon for ever manumitted and discharged from the Service of their next.
Masters; and whereas it is necessary for answering the Purposes intended by the said Act, that the same should be temporary: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That no *Negro, Mulatto or Indian* Slave, be permitted to enlist into said Battalions, from and after the Tenth Day of *June* next; and that the said Act then expire, and be no longer in Force, any Thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

THIS Assembly having ordered a Brigade to be raised, to serve until the Sixteenth of *March* next, and allowed the Soldiers who shall enlist there- Vote for
in Bounty and Cloathing, as specified in the Act for raising the same; and filling up the
as the said Brigade is not full, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all such Per- Brigade.
sons as shall enlist into the said Brigade, on or before the Sixteenth of *June* next, shall be entitled to the whole Bounties allowed by the said Act: That all such as shall enlist into the said Brigade after that Time, shall be held to serve Twelve Months, from the Time of their Enlistment; and that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Resolution to the Colonel of each Regiment in the said Brigade, to be communicated to the several commissioned Officers therein.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Accounts, laid before State of W.
this Assembly a State of the Account of the Honorable *William Bradford*, Bradford's
Esq; together with his Report thereon, which are as follow, to wit: Account.

The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> to <i>William Bradford</i> ,		Dr.
1778. } To the Amount of the Pay Abstract of	£ 648 10 1	
April 20. } Major <i>Nathan Munro's</i> Boat Company,		
May 4. } paid by Order of the Council of War,		
	To <i>Joseph Russell's</i> Bill,	2 8 9
	To <i>William Christopher's</i> Wages,	18 0 0
	To Commissions at <i>One per Cent.</i>	6 13 9
		£ 675 12 7
Creditor.		

1778. } By Cash received of Major <i>Nathan Munro</i> ,	£ 648 10 1	
April 20. } by Order of the Council of War, which		
		he received of the Deputy Pay-Master for that Purpose,
	Balance due to <i>William Bradford</i> .	27 2 6
		£ 675 12 7

Providence,

Providence, May 8, 1778. Examined the above Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and find the Balance *Twenty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, due to the Honorable *William Bradford, Esq;*

NATHANIEL MUMFORD, Auditor.

W. Bradford allowed £ 27 2 s. 6 d. AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Balance of *Twenty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Coddington allowed £ 2 11 s. WHEREAS *William Coddington, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Horse-hire in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1776: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Coddington*, out of the General-Treasury.

Town Council of *Providence* to pay Money to *E. Brown.* WHEREAS this Assembly, at *February* Session last, did, upon the Petition of *Benoni Pearce*, Executor of the last Will and Testament of *James Brown*, permit him to pay *Two Hundred Dollars*, being Part of the Estate of the said *James Brown*, into the Hands of the Town-Council of *Providence*: And it being represented that *Elizabeth Brown*, Widow of the said *James Brown*, is in great Necessity; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Town-Council be empowered to pay the said Sum, or such Part thereof as they shall think proper, to the said *Elizabeth*.

J. Reynolds to draw £ 16,250 out of the Treasury, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds, Esq;* Agent-Clothier in this State, be empowered to draw the Sum of *Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, *Four Thousand Pounds*, Part thereof, immediately, and the Remainder when the Money from Congress shall be received, for discharging such Debts as have been contracted by him in his Office, and to enable him to obtain such further Supplies of Cloathing and Blankets, as may be necessary for the Use of the Officers in the Continental Battalions raised by this State, and the Soldiers in the Service of this State.

S. Phillips allowed £ 4 12 s. WHEREAS Capt. *Samuel Phillips* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for two Blankets, and a Number of Knapsacks, by him provided for the Soldiers in his Company: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Samuel Phillips*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Aylsworth allowed £ 3 12 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Judiab Aylsworth* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service and Horse-hire, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *West-Greenwich*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, in full Satisfaction of the said Account, be paid unto the said *Judiab Aylsworth*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Prize Ships *Syren* and *Sisters*, and the Prize Schooner *Two Mates*, together with their Guns, Stores, Cargoes and Appurtenances, which were captured in this State, have been mostly sold by the Captors, who are not empowered by Law to call special Courts, in order to collect from the Purchasers the Monies due on the Sales of the said Prizes; and the said Monies remain in the Hands of said Purchasers and the Captors, and the Costs and Charges of the Trial and Condemnation of the said Prizes, and other Expences thereof, remain unpaid: And as no Distribution can be made among the said Captors until said Monies be collected:

Sheriff of
King's County
empowered
to call spe-
cial Courts
upon the Pur-
chasers at the
Sales of the
Prize Ships
Syren, &c.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all the Accounts of the Sales of the said Prizes, or authentic Copies of said Accounts, be immediately delivered to the Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, by the Person or Persons who are possessed of the same: That the said Sheriff be and he is hereby fully empowered, ordered and directed, immediately to demand and receive from each of said Purchasers all Money due by his said Account: That in case any of said Purchasers shall refuse Payment, the said Sheriff shall immediately call a special Court for the Recovery of said Money, in the same Manner as by Law he might have done, in case the said Prizes or any Part thereof had been sold by him at public Vendue: That as soon as the said Sheriff shall have collected the said Monies, he shall deduct and pay out of the same, to the Clerk of the maritime Court in this State, the Amount of the Costs and Charges of the Trial and Condemnation of said Prizes, and that said Amount be distributed by said Clerk to the Officers of said Court, and others to whom it belongs: That the said Sheriff also deduct and pay out of said Monies to the General-Treasurer, for the Use of this State, the Sum of *Four Hundred and Seventy Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence*, being the Amount of Expences paid by this State for the Prisoners taken in the said Ship *Syren*: And that after said Deductions, and all other incidental Charges, duly ascertained, the said Sheriff immediately distribute and pay all the Remainder of said Monies to the said Captors Agents, agreeable to the Decree of said maritime Court.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is hereby Enacted, That no one of the aforesaid Captors shall receive, or be entitled to his Share or Dividend of said Monies, until he shall have subscribed the Act of this State, commonly called the Test Act. *And it is also hereby further Provided and Enacted*, That before any one of said Captors shall receive his Share or Dividend of said Monies, the said Agents shall tender, and, if he be willing to take the same, shall administer to him an Oath, in the following Form, to wit:

“You *C. D.* as in the Presence of the ever-living God, do solemnly swear, that you have not by any Ways or Means whatsoever, directly or indirectly, by yourself, or by any Person or Persons, for, by or under you, taken, secreted, concealed or embezzled, any Article or Articles of the Goods, Effects, or Things of any Kind whatsoever, which ever belonged to the Prize Ship *Syren*, or the Prize Ship *Sisters*, or the Prize Schooner *Two Mates*, or to the Stores, Tackle, Furniture, Cargo or Appurtenances of either of the said Vessels, which were lately taken near the Shore of *Point-Judith*; and that if you know of any Person or Persons,

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who

who have taken, secreted, concealed or embezzled, any of the aforesaid Goods or Effects, you will now give Information to the Sheriff of *King's County*, or to the Agent or Agents of the Captors, of all you know, and of all that you have been informed of, by any other Person or Persons, relating to such Concealment. So help you God."

AND be it further Enacted, That each and every of the aforesaid Captors, who shall refuse to make Oath in the Form aforesaid, shall forfeit his whole Share or Dividend of the aforesaid Monies, and the said Sheriff shall pay the same into the General-Treasury, for the Use of this State.

Town of
North-Kings-
town dis-
charged from
paying the
Thirty per
Cent.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Davis*, Town-Treasurer of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that an Execution was issued by the General-Treasurer, for the Taxes assessed upon said Town in *August*, 1777: That thereupon he was committed to Gaol, and came out upon the *Thirty per Cent.* Act: And that the Collector of Taxes for said Town, on the Twentieth of *April* last, paid the Taxes assessed on said Town, with the Interest due thereon, into the Treasury, as appears by the Certificate with the said Petition presented: And thereupon the said *Benjamin Davis* prayed that said Town may be discharged from paying the said *Thirty per Cent.*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

Sheriff of
King's County
to lease *J.*
Austin's
Estate, &c.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriab Brown*, jun. a Deputy Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, in Pursuance of an Order of the Council of War of the Twenty-eighth of *April* last, took into his Possession all the real and personal Estate of *James Austin*, late of *North-Kingstown*: And the said *Beriab Brown* having made Report of his Proceedings to this Assembly, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Beriab* be empowered and directed to lease the real Estate of the said *James Austin* at public Vendue, to such Persons only as are deemed friendly to the Liberties of *America*, the Rent thereof to be paid in the Produce of the same, at the Prices as fixed in the last Bill for regulating the Prices of Labour, &c. That the said *Beriab* deliver to the Wife of the said *James* one Cow, two one Year old Cattle, two Barrels of Cider, and the Household Furniture, being Part of the personal Estate of the said *James*; and that he sell the Remainder of the personal Estate of the said *James* at public Vendue.

J. Larkin to
pay £ 2 2 s.
2 d. into the
Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Larkin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Number of Small-Arms, Car-touch-Boxes, &c. by him purchased for the Use of the Town of *Hopkinton*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Two Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, due from the said *John Larkin* to the State, be by him paid into the General-Treasury.

Committee's
Report upon
J. Baggs,
junior's Peti-
tion.

WHEREAS the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *John Baggs*, jun. who received a Wound while in the Service of this State, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE

WE have examined into the Circumstances of the Case of the said *John Baggs*, jun. and adjudge that he be entitled to receive Half Pay from the last Day of *October* until the last Day of *April*, and one Ration per Day during that Time.

JONATHAN ARNOLD,
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN BROWN.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Paul Allen*, *Caleb Harris*, and *John Northup*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the last Settlement of the General-Treasurer's Account, and to enquire into and rectify any Mistake therein; and also to audit the Accounts of the Treasurer since the last Settlement; and that they make Report as soon as may be. Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Officers of the Brigade ordered to be raised within this State, be allowed *Twenty Shillings* Lawful Money, including the *Eight Shillings* heretofore allowed, for each Man by them hereafter enlisted, and who shall be mustered in the said Brigade. Officers in the Brigade allowed 20 s. for each Recruit.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, in Continental Bills, in Part Payment of the Money heretofore borrowed of him by the State. P. Phillips to draw £ 250.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Walter Channing* be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, as Paymaster to Col. *Crary's* Battalion. W. Channing to draw £ 600.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Gabriel Allen*, Paymaster of Col. *Topham's* Battalion, and Capt. *Joseph West*, Paymaster of Col. *Elliott's* Regiment, be empowered each to draw *Four Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury: That they account for the same as Paymasters, as aforesaid: And that the said Paymasters, and the Paymaster of Col. *Crary's* Battalion, render an Account of the Monies by them received to the Council of War, or to this Assembly, at their next Session. G. Allen and J. West to draw £ 400 each.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* forthwith take into Possession, for the Use of the State, all the real and personal Estate which did belong to *Joseph Hunt*, jun. of *East-Greenwich*, who hath joined the Enemy; and that the said Sheriff make Report thereof to this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof to the Council of War. Estate of J. Hunt and J. Underwood sequestered

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff for the County of *King's* forthwith take into Possession, for the Use of this State, all the real and personal Estate which did belong to *John Underwood*, of *North Kingstown*, who hath also joined the Enemy; and that the said Sheriff lease the said real Estates in the same Manner and upon the same Conditions

Conditions as the real Estates in the Possession of the State have heretofore been leased.

Sheriff of King's County to enquire into the Situation of sundry Estates. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff for the County of *King's County* enquire into the present Situation of the Estates of *Samuel Gardner* and *William Robinson*, situate in *South-Kingstown*, and that he make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to draft a Bill for regulating Hospitals. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Messieurs *Paul Allen, Esq, Esen, Job Comstock, Caleb Harris,* and *Joseph Stanton, jun.* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draft a Bill for further regulating Hospitals erected for the Small-Pox within this State, and that they make Report as soon as may be.

M. Seaman's Petition granted. WHEREAS *Martin Seamans, Esq;* late Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he received of the Clerk of the Inferior Court in said County an Execution in Favour of *John Clarke, of Cranston*, against *George Brown, Esq;* for about *Twenty Pounds*, returnable to said Court at *December Term, A. D. 1777*; that the said Execution was directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*; that he undertook to deliver it, and did deliver it to the said Sheriff, but that by some Accident the said Execution is lost, and the said Sheriff of *Kent* says he never had it; and that the said *Clarke* is about to bring a Suit against him the Petitioner, for the Money due by the said Execution: And thereupon the said *Martin* prayed this Assembly to order the Clerk of the said Court to issue another Execution for the Debt and Costs, in Favour of the said *John Clarke*, against the said *George Brown*, returnable to *Providence Inferior Court*, at *June Term, A. D. 1778*.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

Resolve of the Council of War of the 18th of April repealed. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That a Vote of the Council of War of the Eighteenth of *April* last, directing *Capt. Gabriel Allen*, Paymaster of *Col. Topham's Battalion*, not to pay any Bounties to any Persons who may enlist into the said Battalion until they shall have passed Muster, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as it respects the Payment of Bounties.

J. Reynolds to apply at Boston for Continental Cloathing. WHEREAS the Agent-Clothier in this State did some Time since receive an Order from the Clothier-General, directing him to apply for a Quantity of Clothing belonging to the Continent, then in the State of the *Massachusetts-Bay*: And whereas on Application being made, it was found that the said Cloathing was before disposed of; and Information being received that there is a large Quantity of various Kinds of Cloathing lately arrived in *Boston* on Account of the Continent, and there being constant and great Demands made on the Agent-Clothier in this State, which he cannot comply with for Want of Money:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds, Esq;* Agent-Clothier in this State, make immediate Application to the Agent-Clothiers or Continental Agents in the *Massachusetts-Bay*, or whoever may be in

in Possession of the said Continental Cloathing, that they supply him with a sufficient Quantity of the said Cloaths and Blankets, to answer the present Demands on him, on Account of the United States.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer of this State, be allowed *Five Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, including his standing Salary, for his extraordinary Services in his said Office the Year past; and that he be empowered to draw the same out of the General-Treasury accordingly. *J. Clarke* allowed £ 500.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Sayles*, Esq; who is appointed by the Town of *Smithfield* to furnish the Families of Soldiers in the Continental Service within said Town with Necessaries, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose aforesaid. *J. Sayles* to draw £ 500.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That any Person within this State, not having subscribed the Test or Declaration heretofore prescribed by an Act of this Assembly, shall have Liberty, on or before the First Monday of September next, to subscribe the same, before the Town-Council of the Town in which he may reside, and such Person shall thereupon be entitled to all the Privileges, Franchises and Immunities, as though he had subscribed the Test or Declaration in due Season; and that no Person shall be admitted to subscribe the said Test after the Expiration of said Time, excepting Persons who shall hereafter arrive at the Age of Twenty-one Years, and Officers and Soldiers in the Army, Officers and Seamen of the Navy, and Seamen who are absent at Sea, who are hereby empowered after the Expiration thereof to subscribe the same before the Town-Council of the Town in which they may reside. *Provided nevertheless*, That said Town-Councils be and they are hereby empowered and required to reject any Persons who may not appear to them entitled to the Privileges derived from the Subscription of said Test. AA in Addition to the Test Act.

AND it is Ordered, That this Resolve be inserted in the next *Providence Gazette*; and that Copies hereof be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks within this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That an Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, be holden by the Justices appointed for the County of *Newport*, at the Friends Meeting-House in *Tiverton*, on the Second Monday of *July* next; and that all Executions made returnable to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport*, be then and there returned, and that Writs and Processess be brought forward to said Court in the same Manner as Actions were heretofore commenced to Inferior Courts of Common Pleas; and that all and every Matter, Thing and Business, which might, could or ought to be heard and determined by said Court, be then and there heard, tried and determined; and that Grand and Petit Jurors, from any Part of the County of *Newport*, who are in *Tiverton* or *Little-Compton*, or who attend the Court, may be impaneled and sit as Jurors, who are by Law qualified, and whose Estates lie upon *Rhode-Island*. Courts for the County of Newport to be held at Tiverton.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Superior and Inferior Courts for the County of *Newport* be held at said *Tiverton*, at the Times at which by Law they were to be holden in *Newport*, until the Enemy remove from the Island of *Rhode-Island*; and that the Juries be impaneled at said Court in Manner as is before prescribed.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy of this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

Waiters Fees
raised.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Waiters on the General Assembly, and Courts, be allowed *Twelve Shillings* for each Day's Attendance on the Assembly and Courts.

C. Arnold al-
lowed £ 2
11 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Caleb Arnold* be allowed the Sum of *Two Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, being his Commissions for purchasing Forty-one Pair of Stockings in Behalf of this State; and that the said Sum be paid him out of the General-Treasury.

E. Herrington
to improve
the Farm late
T. Cutter's.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Ebenezer Herrington* have Leave to improve, for one Year, the Lot of Land lying in *North-Kingstown*, late belonging to *Thomas Cutter*, who is gone off to the Enemy at *Newport*.

Committee to
receive the
Records of
Assembly,
and Inferior
Court for the
County of
Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Coddington*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive the Books of Entries, and such Papers as may be immediately wanted, belonging to the Office of the Clerk of Assembly, and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of *Newport*, late in the Possession of *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; deceased, and that they deliver them to the present Clerks, giving and taking Receipts for the same, and make Report as soon as may be.

Committee to
receive the
Records of
the late Clerk
of the Super-
ior Court in
King's County,
&c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Thomas Potter*, jun. and *James Helme*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in the County of *King's County*, the Books of Entries, Files, and other Papers, belonging to the said Office, and deliver them to the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts for the same; and that they make Report to this Assembly at their next Session.

Secretary to
collect Re-
solves of Con-
gress.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary collect the Resolves of Congress, and have them before this Assembly at their future Meetings: And that he report to this Assembly at the next Session all such Acts as have passed in Consequence of Resolves of Congress, since transmitting the same to Congress was recommended to this State.

W. Channing
allowed £ 8
10 s.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences in attending on this Assembly at the last Session, as Assistant Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *William Mumford*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on the Council of War as Clerk, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as Deputy-Secretary : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

RESOLVED, That the Act permitting Inoculation within this State, and all Acts made in Addition to and Amendment thereof, be and they are hereby suspended until the First Day of *October* next.

PROVIDED nevertheless, That Permission be and is hereby given for inoculating the Soldiers who have or may enlist into the Continental Battalions raising by this State, in the Farm-house belonging to Dr. *Joseph Jesslyn*, in the Town of *East-Greenwich*, about four Miles from the compact Part thereof. Provided also, That the Inhabitants of the Town of *North-Providence* may be inoculated, or if they should take the Small-Pox in the natural Way, that they be removed to an Hospital which may be ordered within said Town by the Town Council thereof, to be under their Direction, and under the Rules and Regulations as is provided in the aforementioned Acts.

IT is further Resolved, That if any Person shall be guilty of inoculating any Persons, or aiding, assisting or advising thereto, within this State, contrary to this Resolve, he shall forfeit and pay a Fine of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, for each Person who shall be so inoculated contrary to the Tenor hereof, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State; one Half thereof to and for the Use of the Informer, and the Remainder for the Use of this State.

AND it is Ordered, That a Copy hereof be published in the next *Providence Gazette*, and sent to each Town-Clerk within this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session; that the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and is hereby adjourned to the last Monday of *June* next, then to convene at the State-House in the County of *Kent*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined: WITNESS,

Henry Ward

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A T the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of
the STATE of *Rhode-Island*
and *Providence Plantations*, begun
and holden (in Consequence of
Warrants issued by his Excellency
the Governor) at *Providence*, within
and for the State aforesaid, on
Thursday the Twenty-eighth Day
of *May*, in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

J A B E Z B O W E N, Esquire,
D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

<i>JOHN SAYLES</i> , Esq;	}	Assistants.
<i>JONATHAN ARNOLD</i> , Esq;		
<i>JAMES ARNOLD</i> , Esq;		
<i>GIDEON COMSTOCK</i> , Esq;		
<i>JOB RANDALL</i> , Esq;		
<i>PARDON GRAY</i> , Esq;		

WILLIAM MUMFORD, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

D E U T I E S

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable JOSHUA BABCOCK, Esq; SPEAKER.

NEWPORT:	WEST-GREENWICH:
Henry Ward, Esq;	Thomas Gorton, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Rumreil,	Judiah Aylsworth, Esq;
Mr. William Borden.	COVENTRY:
PROVIDENCE:	Stephen Potter, Esq;
Mr. John Updike,	Mr. David Bucklin.
Major Elihu Robinson,	EXETER:
Theodore Foster, Esq;	George Pierce, Esq;
Capt. Paul Allen.	John Chapman, Esq;
PORTSMOUTH:	MIDDLETOWN:
NONE.	NONE.
WARWICK:	BRISTOL:
John Warner, Esq;	William Bradford, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Holden,	Nathaniel Fales, Esq;
Mr. John Greene (Son of David)	TIVERTON:
Mr. Thomas Rice (Son of Thomas.)	Mr. William Cook.
WESTERLY:	LITTLE-COMPTON:
Mr. Speaker.	Nathaniel Searle, Esq;
NEW-SHOREHAM:	Mr. Adam Simmons.
NONE	WARREN:
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	Mr. Cromel Child,
Major Sylvester Gardner.	Col. Nathan Miller.
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	CUMBERLAND:
Mr. Enoch Hatzard,	Mr. James Lovett,
Rowse J. Helme, Esq;	Mr. John Lapham.
EAST-GREENWICH:	RICHMOND:
Job Comstock, Esq;	Edward Perry, Esq;
Thomas Tillinghast, Esq;	Robert Stanton, Esq;
JAMESTOWN:	CRANSTON:
Capt. Samuel Carr.	Christopher Lippitt, Esq;
SMITHFIELD:	Mr. Peter Burlingame.
Caleb Aldrich, Esq;	HOPKINTON:
Mr. Peleg Arnold.	Thomas Wells, Esq;
SCITUATE:	Mr. George Thurston.
Timothy Hopkins, Esq;	JOHNSTON:
Mr. Christopher Potter.	Mr. John Smith,
GLOUCESTER:	Caleb Harris, Esq;
Timothy Wilmarth, Esq;	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Mr. Caleb Arnold.	Esek Hopkins, Esq;
CHARLESTOWN	Mr. Esek Esten.
Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq;	BARRINGTON:
Jonathan Hatzard, Esq;	Josiah Humphrey, Esq;
	Mr. Samuel Allen.

WILLIAM CHANNING, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Caleb Harris*, Esq; deliver *C. Harris* to deliver One Half a Ton of Pistol Powder to *Col. Daniel Tillinghast*, liver Powder. for the Use of the Laboratory within this State.

A LETTER from his Excellency Governor *Trumbull*, Committee to of the Nineteenth of *May* inst. to the Governor of this State, draft an Answer to Gov. having been laid before this Assembly, and the subject Matter *Trumbull's Letter* thereof taken under Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be referred; and that *Henry Ward* and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esqrs; be a Committee to draft an Answer to the said Letter, and report the same as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Negro-Man *Prince*, belonging to Messrs. *Joseph Brown* and *Nicholas Power*, of *Graveton*, in the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, who hath entered into the Regiment under the Command of *Col. Greene*, be discharged from the said Regiment: That the Cloathes and Bounty advanced the said Negro (if to be had) be delivered up to *Col. Greene*; and that the said Negro *Prince* deliver up all the Equipments belonging to the State, if any he has received: *J. Brown's Negro discharged from his Inlistment.*

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RESOLVED, That Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine effective Men be raised by the several Towns within this State (excepting the Towns of *Newport*, *Portsmouth*, *New-Shorcham*, *Middletown* and *Jamestown*) for filling the Battalions and Regiment of Artillery raising by this State, on or before the Tenth Day of *June* next: That they be proportioned to the several Towns in the following Manner, *to wit*: The Proportion of each Town according to the last Tax assessed upon it by the General Assembly (deducting One-Eighth Part of the Sum last assessed upon the Town of *Bristol*, and One-Sixteenth Part of the Tax of the Town of *Warren*) shall be computed, and then the Proportion of each Town, according to the Number of fencible Men, as appeared by the last Estimate, shall be also computed: And as a Difference will arise in the two Numbers, that the same be fixed by a relative Proportion; to be struck between the Number of Men to be raised by the Tax, and the Number of fencible Men, which shall be the Numbers to be raised by each respective Town. *Act for raising 839 Men.*

IT is further Resolved, That the Men who may be raised by the said Towns, agreeable to this Resolve, be allowed the same Bounty and Wages as have been allowed to the Persons who have heretofore inlisted into said Battalions and Regiment; and that the Persons whose Names are hereaftermentioned be appointed and empowered to receive, out of the General-Treasury, such Sums of Money as are sufficient for

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for paying said Bounty, allowed to each Soldier ordered to be raised by their respective Towns, to wit: For Providence, James Arnold, Esq; Town-Treasurer; Warwick, John Warner, Esq; Westerly, Joshua Babcock, Esq; North-Kingstown, Major Sylvester Gardner; South-Kingstown, Mr. Enoch Haszard; East-Greenwich, Thomas Tillinghast, Esq; Smithfield, John Sayles, Esq; Scituate, Timothy Hopkins, Esq; Gloucester, Mr. Caleb Arnold; Charlestown, Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; West-Greenwich, Judiah Aylsworth, Esq; Coventry, Mr. David Bucklin; Exeter, John Chapman, Esq; Bristol, Nathaniel Fales, Esq; Tiverton, Pardon Gray, Esq; Little-Compton, Nathaniel Searle, Esq; Warren, Mr. Shubal Burr; Cumberland, Mr. John Lapham; Richmond, Mr. Edward Perry; Cranston, Mr. Peter Barlingame, the 3d; Hopkinton, Thomas Wells, Esq; Johnston, Edward Fennner, Esq; North-Providence, Joseph Olney, Esq; Barrington, Mr. Samuel Allen.

IT is further Resolved, That the aforementioned Persons deliver the Money unto the Town-Treasurers of their respective Towns, or unto such Persons as the Towns shall appoint to receive the same, and thereupon the said Towns shall be accountable to the State for the Money by them received.

IT is further Resolved, That each Town in this State, which shall be deficient in raising its Proportion of Men as aforesaid, shall pay as a Fine, to and for the Use of this State, Thirty Pounds lawful Money, for every Soldier they shall be deficient in, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information, in any of the Courts of Record within this State, by the General-Treasurer thereof.

IT is further Resolved, That if any Person enlisted by either of said Towns shall not pass Muster, before the Muster-Master appointed to said Battalions and Regiment, the Town who shall have enlisted him shall sustain any Loss which may arise by Reason of his Enlistment, and furnish an effective Man in the Room of the Person who shall not be mustered as aforesaid.

IT is further Resolved, That Mr. Nathaniel Mumford apportion the Men to be raised, agreeable to this Resolve.

AND it is Ordered, That the Secretary transmit Copies of this Act, and also of the said Apportionment, to the several Town-Clerks in this State, to which the Men so to be enlisted are to be proportioned, on or before Monday next.

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THE following is the Apportionment of the Men to the several Towns, agreeable to the foregoing Resolve:

Proportion.		Proportion.	
<i>Providence,</i>	80	<i>Bristol,</i>	18
<i>Warwick,</i>	52	<i>Tiverton,</i>	37
<i>Westerly,</i>	31	<i>Little-Compton,</i>	30
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	47	<i>Warren,</i>	14
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	69	<i>Cumberland,</i>	28
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	32	<i>Richmond,</i>	22
<i>Smithfield,</i>	51	<i>Cranston,</i>	35
<i>Scituate,</i>	56	<i>Hopkinton,</i>	20
<i>Gloucester,</i>	46	<i>Johnston,</i>	21
<i>Charlestown,</i>	27	<i>North-Providence,</i>	14
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	25	<i>Barrington,</i>	10
<i>Coventry,</i>	34		
<i>Exeter;</i>	31		839

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WHEREAS this Assembly hath passed a Resolve for filling up the Battalions and Regiment of Artillery raising by this State, for the Defence of this and the other of the *United States*, by the Tenth Day of June next. And whereas a sufficient Number of Arms cannot be procured by this State, for equipping the Men who may be enlisted into the said Battalions and Regiment, within the Time limited: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Major-General *Sullivan* be, and he is hereby, requested to procure such a Number of Arms, belonging to the *United States*, as shall be sufficient for equipping the Men ordered to be raised for the Purpose aforesaid.

Arms to be procured for the State's Brigade.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Enoch Hafzard* and *Rowse J. Helme* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to receive of Mr. *Gorton Tenant*, on the *Point-Farm*, the Wool due for the Rent of the same; and that they remove it to a Place of Safety, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

Committee to receive Wool, &c.

WHEREAS Capt. *George Simmons* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Abstract of Part of his Company, who did Duty at *Little-Compton*, in *October* last: Which having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be approved and allowed; and that the Amount of the said Abstract, being Eighty-four Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Simmons*, out of the General-Treasury.

G. Simmons allowed £84.

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Bounty on Salt
allowed to *D.*
Brown.

WHEREAS it appears, by a Certificate under the Hand of Mr. *David Brown*, duly and regularly attested, that he, together with *Joshua Lawton*, between the Fifteenth Day of *November* and the Tenth Day of *December*, *A. D.* 1776, manufactured and made, out of the Sea Water, at the Salt-Works in *Barrington*, in this State, Eighty Bushels of good common Salt: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bounty allowed by Law upon the Salt above certified to have been manufactured in this State, at the Time it was manufactured, be paid to Mr. *John Updike*, out of the General-Treasury, for the above-named *David Brown*.

Sheriff of *Bristol*
to take Posses-
sion of *B. Mil-*
ler's Estate.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff for the County of *Bristol*, or his Deputy, forthwith take Possession, in Behalf of this State, of the real and personal Estate, in the County of *Bristol*, belonging to *Barnard Miller* (who has joined the Enemy, on the Island of *Rhode-Island*) and make Report thereof to this Assembly: That in the mean Time *Job Miller*, Son to the said *Barnard*, be permitted to improve the said Estate; and that he account for the Rents thereof, and for the said personal Estate, to this Assembly.

C Church al-
lowed £49 3s.
6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Church* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Number of Guns by him purchased, for the Use of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Charlestown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being Forty-nine Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Charles Church*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Winsor to re-
ceive a Gun.

WHEREAS Capt. *Stephen Winsor* hath represented unto this Assembly, That a Gun belonging to *John Allin*, of *Gloucester*, taken by his Orders for the late intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, hath been turned into the public Store: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Stephen Winsor* receive the said Gun, out of the Store, under the Care of Major *James Sumner*.

Governor's
Conduct ap-
proved.

WHEREAS his Excellency the Governor, by the Advice of such of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, as could conveniently be consulted, hath ordered into actual Duty One-Sixth Part of the Militia, Independent and Alarm Companies, within this State, for the Defence thereof, to do Duty for the Space of Fifteen Days: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Conduct of his Excellency therein be approved of; and that the said One-Sixth Part of the Militia, Independent and Alarm Companies, continue in Service for
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the Space of Time, for which they have been called to do Service as aforesaid: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall extend to the Town of *Little-Compton*, but that the One-Half Part of the Militia and Alarm Companies of the said Town, continue to do Duty, agreeable to a Resolution of this Assembly of the Sixth of *December* last, excepting that the Commanding-Officer of the said Companies be appointed by one of the Field-Officers of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*; any Thing in the said Resolution to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding; and *Provided also*, That this Resolve shall not extend to the Town of *Bar- rington*.

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RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of one Person from each of the Towns within this State, to enquire into the Number of Guns, Bayonets and Car-touch-Boxes, which have been purchased in Behalf of this State, within their respective Towns, agreeable to a former Resolution of this Assembly; the Number of said Guns now remaining in said Towns, and if any are missing, to whom they were delivered; who were appointed to purchase the same, and whether they have accounted for the Money by them received for the Purpose aforesaid.

Committee to
enquire con-
cerning Arms.
&c.

IT is further Resolved, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid, to wit: For *Providence*, Capt. *Paul Allen*; *Warwick*, *Thomas Holden*, Esq; *Westerly*, Mr. *David Maxson*; *North-Kingstown*, Mr. *Peter Wright*; *South-Kingstown*, *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; *East-Greenwich*, *Job Comstock*, Esq; *Smithfield*, Mr. *Peleg Arnold*; *Scituate*, *Job Randall*, Esq; *Gloucester*, Major *Ase Kimball*; *Charlestown*, Mr. *Jonathan Hazzard*; *West-Greenwich*, Mr. *George Dyre*; *Coventry*, Mr. *Isaac Johnston*; *Exeter*, *John Chapman*, Esq; *Bristol*, Mr. *John Howland*, jun. *Tiverton*, *Pardon Gray*, Esq; *Little-Compton*, Mr. *Adam Simmons*; *Warren*, *William Turner Miller*, Esq; *Cumberland*, *James Lovett*, Esq; *Richmond*, Mr. *Jonathan Maxson*; *Cranston*, *Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; *Hopkinton*, *Thomas Wells*, Esq; *Johnston*, *Andrew Harris*, Esq; *North-Providence*, *Hope Angell*, Esq; *Bar- rington*, *Josiah Humphrey*, Esq; and that they make Report of their Proceedings to this Assembly at the next Session.

AND it is further Resolved, That a Copy hereof be immediately transmitted to each of the aforesaid Persons.

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RESOLVED,

Persons obliged
by Law to bear
Arms, to equip
themselves.

RESOLVED, That all Persons who are by Law obliged to equip themselves with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, and who shall not, by Report of the Town-Council of the Town to which they belong, be reported to said Town incapable of providing themselves as aforesaid, do provide themselves therewith by the First Day of *July* next, agreeable to Law, or with a Rifle-Gun and Sword in Lieu thereof, upon the Penalty of Nine Pounds lawful Money for a Gun, and One Pound and Ten Shillings for a Cartouch-Box and Belt: That each Captain shall make a Return of all such Persons as shall be delinquent within his District, to his Colonel or Commanding-Officer, who is hereby directed to make Report thereof to the Town-Treasurer of the Town where such Delinquent resides; and the said Town-Treasurer is directed immediately to issue his Warrant of Distress to the Sheriff or Deputy of the County within which the Delinquent resides, for the Fines which may be due, agreeable to this Resolve; and that the same be lodged in the Town-Treasury of the Town within which such Delinquent resides, to be accounted for, when required, to this Assembly. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall extend to any Person who shall produce a Certificate to his Colonel, that his Gun has been taken from him for public Service, and not accounted for, since the Commencement of the present War; and that Report thereof be also made to this Assembly.

IT is further Resolved, That a Copy hereof be forthwith transmitted to each of the Colonels of Regiments, and Captains of the Militia and Alarm Companies, within this State.

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J. Sumner to
draw £. 40.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major *James Sumner* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw Forty Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in order to furnish the Armourer's-Shop with such Necessaries as may be wanted; and that he account with this State therefor.

Officers ap-
pointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Solomon Barrows* be, and he is hereby, appointed Ensign of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Smithfield*, in the Room of *William Gulley*, who declines: That *Thomas Easterbrooks* be First Lieutenant of the Company of Militia in the Town of *Warren*, in the Room of *Smith Bowen*, who is hereby dismissed: That *Gideon Harris* be Ensign of the Company of Militia in the Town of *Scituate*, commanded by Capt. *Coomer Smith*, in the Room of *Samuel Angell*, who declines: That *Thomas Corgdon* be Lieutenant of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Cranston*, in the
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Room of *Josias Potter*, who has removed out of the District of the said First Company ; and that *Moses Warner* be Ensign in the said Company last mentioned, in the Room of said *Thomas Congdon*, who is promoted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is *N. Mumford* to hereby, directed to furnish Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Accounts for this State, from Time to Time, with the Schedules, be furnished with the Schedules, as fast as they are printed : That he also furnish him with the Schedules for Twelve Months back, provided they can be procured of the Printers ; and that the Expence thereof be paid by this State.

WHEREAS *Rowse J. Helme* hath represented unto this Assembly, That he furnished a Gun for one of the Soldiers who marched from *South-Kingstown* to *Tiverton*, upon the intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, which was turned into the State's Store : Wherefore *Resolved*, That Major *James Sumner* deliver the said Gun, unto the said *Rowse J. Helme*, if it is in his Possession. Major Sumner to deliver R. J. Helme a Gun.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of *Bristol* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in the late Excursion of the Enemy from *Newport*, through that Town, they in a most savage Manner burnt and destroyed their Dwelling-Houses, Furniture, Clothing, &c. That they are become Beggars, and live upon the Charity of their Friends and Neighbours ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to take their distressed Circumstances into Consideration, and grant them some Relief : *N. Fales* to draw £ 330. out of the Treasury.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathaniel Fales*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury ; and that he deliver the same to the Town-Council of the Town of *Bristol*, to be by them distributed to the Petitioners, and the other Sufferers in the late Excursion of the Enemy, according to their real Wants and Necessities.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred and Thirteen Pounds and Four Shillings lawful Money, paid by *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, on the Twentieth of this Instant, to Capt. *Charles Keene*, for the Service of his Company of Militia, from the Seventeenth of *April* to the Third of *May* (which Abstract has been duly examined and certified according to Law) be allowed as a good Charge against this State. Money paid by the Treasurer to C. Keene. allowed to be a good Charge against the State.

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Cartridge-Boxes to be made.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *Daniel Tillinghast* immediately have the Tin in his Possession made up into Cartridge-Boxes, and have the same painted and ready for Use as soon as may be.

Draft of a Letter to Gov. *Trumbull* approved.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Draft of a Letter to Governor *Trumbull*, presented unto this Assembly by the Committee appointed for that Purpose be, and the same is hereby, approved of ; and that a fair Copy thereof, signed by his Excellency the Governor, in Behalf of this Assembly, be transmitted to his Excellency Governor *Trumbull*.

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Suspected Persons to be apprehended.

R*ESOLVED*, That it be recommended to the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, to take up all Persons who are suspected or known to be unfriendly to this State, or to the *United States* in general, that he shall think proper, and proceed against them according to the known Practice in such Cases, in the Army under the immediate Command of his Excellency General *Washington*.

IT is further Resolved, That in case of an Alarm, Major-General *Sullivan*, or the Commander of the Troops within this State for the Time being, be empowered, with the Advice and Concurrence of his Excellency the Governor, if present, or in his Absence of his Honor the Deputy-Governor, to call forth the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, or any Part thereof, to do Duty, which they shall be held to do, within this State only, unless in Cases of imminent Danger, when they may be marched to any Place within his Command : And that when any Draught shall be made, in Pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, the proper Officer shall make immediate and exact Returns thereof to the Commander for the Time being, as aforesaid.

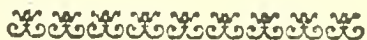
IT is further Resolved, That every Officer and Soldier who shall neglect or refuse to do his Duty when so called, and every Person who shall be so draughted, and shall not appear, or procure an effective Man in his Room, shall be liable to be called to Account, and punished for Disobedience of Orders, or Refusal or Neglect of Duty, in the same Manner as Officers and Soldiers in actual Service may be, excepting Persons of tender Consciences, for whom the Town-Councils of the respective Towns shall provide effective Men, in Manner as directed by an Act passed in *April, A. D. 1777*, in Addition to the Act for Relief of Persons of tender Consciences.

IT is further Resolved, That this Act shall continue in Force until the Meeting of this Assembly at the next Session, and no longer : And that Copies of it be immediately delivered to Major General *Sullivan*, and to the several Commanding-Officers of the Regiments of Militia, and Alarm and Independent Companies, within this State.

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WHEREAS great Inconveniencies arise from an Order of the Council of War, made the Twenty-first Day of *March* last, directing, " That the Colonels of each Regiment, which did belong to the Fifteen Months Brigade, within this State, lodge with *John Reynolds, Esq;* Agent-Clothier, an exact List of the Names of the several Men, late belonging to their respective Regiments, who have any Clothing due to them from the State, with an Account of each particular Garment that is respectively due to them; and that the said Clothier, upon any Person named in said List, bringing unto him a Certificate from the Colonel, what Clothing is due from this State to such Person, that the said Agent-Clothier deliver the same unto such Person, or pay the Value of such Clothing in Money, taking a Receipt therefor :"

FOR Remedy whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That, in future, upon receipt of the Return from each respective Colonel of the said Battalions, by the Agent-Clothier, of the Names of those Persons, in their late Regiments, to whom Clothing is due, and specifying particularly the several Articles so due to each, that he deliver to the said Colonels so much Clothing as shall be due, or pay for the same, or any Part thereof, in Money; and that the said Colonel deliver out the same to the several Persons to whom it shall be due, or in Lieu thereof pay the allowed Prices therefor, taking Receipts from each Person for what shall be delivered or paid, which Receipts, being returned to the Agent-Clothier, shall cancel and discharge their respective Receipts, given to him for such Clothing or Money.



An ACT for calling in and sinking all the outstanding Bills of Credit emitted by this State.

WHEREAS by a Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-second of *November* last, it was recommended to the Legislatures of the several States, to refrain from the further Emission of Bills of Credit, and where there is a sufficient Quantity

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Quantity of Continental Bills of Credit for the Purposes of a circulating Medium, forthwith to call in by Loans or Taxes, and to cancel the Paper Money (small Bills for Change under a Dollar excepted) which such State has already emitted, and provide for the future Support of Government by Taxes to be levied within the Year, or such other Expedients as may produce a competent Supply :

IN Pursuance whereof, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That none of the Bills of Credit emitted by Order of the General Assembly of this State (small Bills for Change under the Value of One Dollar excepted) shall be current in any Payment, Trade, or Dealing, within this State, after the First Day of *July* next.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Continental Loan-Office Certificates now in the General-Treasury of this State, amounting to the Sum of Forty-five Thousand Pounds lawful Money, be appropriated towards redeeming that Sum in said Bills of public Credit emitted by this State: That said Continental Certificates be proportioned agreeable to the last Tax, to the several Towns within this State; and that the same be delivered by the General-Treasurer to Persons appointed by said Towns to receive the same, upon receiving the like Sums in said Bills of Credit emitted by this State; provided that Application be made therefor on or before the First Day of *September* next, or otherwise that the said Certificates, or such Part thereof as may not be applied for as aforesaid, be exchanged for any of the Bills emitted as aforesaid.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Possessors of the said Bills which shall not be exchanged as aforesaid, on delivering them into the General-Treasury, shall receive promissory Notes in Exchange therefor from the General-Treasurer of this State, payable in Three Years from the Date thereof, with Interest at Six *per Cent. per Annum*; and that no Note be issued for any Sum less than Ten Pounds lawful Money.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Bills of Credit, as fast as they are paid into the General-Treasury, be burnt: That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *John Updike*, Esq; and Capt. *Paul Allen* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee for that Purpose; and that not a less Sum than Five Thousand Pounds lawful Money be by them burnt at any one Time.

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" State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*.

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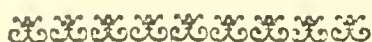
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*J. Reynolds to furnish the Officers of the State's Brigade with Clothing.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Reynolds, Esq; Agent-Clothier in this State, deliver to the Officers of the Brigade ordered to be raised within this State, and to do Duty for Twelve Months, from the Sixteenth Day of March last, such necessary Articles of Clothing, and at such Prices as are specified in a Resolve of Congress of the Twenty-second Day of November last, upon their producing a Certificate from Gen. Sullivan, of the Proportion to be furnished them respectively, agreeable to said Resolve.*



*An ACT for the better regulating the Council of War.*

*Act for regulating the Council of War.*

**W**HEREAS this General Assembly did, on the Thirteenth Day of December, A. D. 1776, constitute and appoint a Council of War, and did, in and by said Act, delegate unto said Council the Authority and Powers in said Act mentioned. And whereas heretofore the State hath not been equally represented in said Council: In Order therefore for the better and more equal Representation of the State at large :

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said Council of War shall consist of Twenty-one Members, whereof Three shall be for the County of Newport ; Six for the County of Providence ; Six for the County of King's County ; Three for the County of Bristol, and Three for the County of Kent, Seven of whom shall constitute a Quorum: That said Council, composed of the Members from the different Counties as aforesaid, convene, in the Recess of the General Assembly, as often as his Excellency the Governor, or in his Absence his Honor the Deputy-Governor, shall think it necessary, for the good Purposes for which said Council was instituted.*

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That unless there is a Member from Four of said Counties, said Council shall not be deemed clothed with sufficient Powers to make any Resolve whatever.*

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That not more than Three Members from any County shall sit at one Time, to do the ordinary Business of said Council, but may be convened upon extraordinary Occasions.*

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*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Members appointed and constituted to compose said Council, shall be first convened by Order of the Governor; and that they then appoint when they will next convene, in order to do the ordinary Business of said Council, and publish the same in the *Providence Gazette*, and also the Times when and where they shall adjourn: And that there be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to each and every Member, the Sum of Twelve Shillings *per Day*, for each and every Day they shall convene themselves agreeable to this Act, together with all their reasonable Expences. And there shall be farther allowed unto each of the Members, living out of the County where said Council shall be called, One Day extra, for their Times in convening and returning Home.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Members from each County shall attend in Rotation, unless otherwise agreed to by the Members from said County.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Member of the General Assembly, but those who are appointed of the Council of War, shall be intitled to any Vote in said Council.

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*R E S O L V E D*, That the Act permitting Inoculation Act suspending within this State, and all Acts made in Addition to and Inoculation. Amendment thereof, be, and they are hereby suspended, until the First Day of *October* next.

*P R O V I D E D* nevertheless, That Permission be, and is hereby given, for inoculating the Soldiers who have or may enlist into the Continental Battalions raising by this State, in the Farm-House belonging to Dr. *Joseph Joslyn*, in the Town of *East-Greenwich*, about Four Miles from the compact Part thereof. *Provided also*, That the Inhabitants of the Town of *North-Providence* may be inoculated, or if they should take the Small-Pox in the natural Way, that they be removed to a Hospital, which may be ordered within said Town by the Town-Council thereof, to be under their Direction, and under the Rules and Regulations as is provided in the aforementioned Acts.

*I T is further Resolved*, That if any Person shall be guilty of inoculating any Persons, or aiding, assisting or advising thereto, within this State, contrary to this Resolve, he shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Thirty Pounds lawful Money, for each Person who

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who shall be so inoculated, contrary to the Tenor hereof, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State; One Half thereof to and for the Use of the Informer, and the Remainder for the Use of this State.

*AND it is Ordered,* That a Copy hereof be published in the next *Providence Gazette*, and sent to each Town-Clerk within this State.

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Attorney-General to prosecute any Person guilty of a Breach of the Act permitting Inoculation. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby, directed to prosecute any Persons who have been or may be guilty of a Breach of an Act of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, entitled, "An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, permitting Inoculation for the Small-Pox within this State, to the first Courts proper to try the same."

Soldiers in the State's Brigade to be paid in Continental Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Bounties allowed to the Soldiers who may enlist into the Brigade ordered to be raised within this State, be paid in Continental Bills of Credit; and that the Committees appointed to receive the said Bounties, receive the same in Continental Bills accordingly.

Persons employed in manufacturing military Stores to be excused from Duty in the Militia. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Council of War be, and they are hereby, empowered to excuse from personal Duty in the Militia, such Persons as may from Time to Time be employed within this State, in manufacturing military Stores and other Articles for the Use of the *United States*, agreeable to the true Intent and Meaning of a Resolution of Congress of the First of May, *A. D.* 1778.

Council of War appointed. *BOTH Houses* being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Gentlemen to constitute a Council of War:

For the County of *Newport*.  
Henry Ward, Esq;  
Thomas Rumreil, Esq;  
Pardon Gray, Esq;

For the County of *Providence*.  
Hon. Jabez Bowen, Esq;  
John Sayles, Esq;  
Gideon Comstock, Esq;  
John Updike, Esq;

James Lovett, Esq;  
Esek Hopkins, Esq;

For the County of *King's County*.  
Hon. Joshua Babcock, Esq;  
Immanuel Case, Esq;  
Rowse J. Helme, Esq;  
Thomas Wells, Esq;  
John Northup, Esq;  
George Peirce, Esq;

For

For the County of *Bristol*.

*Nathan Miller*, Esq;  
*Cromel Child*, Esq;  
*Josiah Humphrey*, Esq;

For the County of *Kent*.

His Excellency *William Greene*,  
 Esquire,  
*James Arnold*, Esq;  
*Stephen Potter*, Esq;

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this *W. Channing* Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for <sup>allowed £ 5</sup> his Expences and Horse Hire, in attending on this Assembly <sup>10s.</sup> at their last Session, as Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Gen. Cornell* be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive as many Guns as he may think proper, belonging to this State, in the Possession of Major *Sumner*; and that he have the same repaired in the best and most expeditious Manner, in Behalf of this State. <sup>Guns belonging to the State to be repaired.</sup>

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Messrs. Pardon Gray, John Jenckes, Rowse J. Helme, Nathan Miller, and Thomas Tillinghast*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for taking a just Estimate of the rateable Estates in this State, in order that an equitable Proportion of Taxes may be assessed upon the several Towns: That they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session; and that the Council of War be empowered to appoint suitable Persons, in the Stead of such as shall refuse taking Care to appoint Persons in the same County with those refusing. <sup>Committee to prepare a Bill for taking a general Estimate.</sup>

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Draft of a Letter to the Council of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, presented unto this Assembly by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, be, and the same is hereby approved; and that a fair Copy thereof, signed by his Excellency the Governor, be transmitted to the President of the Council of *Massachusetts-Bay*. <sup>Draft of a Letter to the Council of Massachusetts-Bay approved.</sup>

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, <sup>Adjournment.</sup>  
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in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in the respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby, adjourned to the last *Monday* in *June* next, then to convene at the State-House in the County of *Kent*.

G O D save the *United States* of  
*A M E R I C A.*

A true C O P Y, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward Lee*

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of  
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of  
the STATE of *Rhode-Island*  
and *Providence Plantations*, begun  
and holden by Adjournment, at  
*East-Greenwich*, within and for the  
said State, on the last *Monday* in  
*June*, in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

*J A B E Z B O W E N*, Esquire,

D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

*JOHN TANNER*, Esq;

*JONATHAN ARNOLD*, Esq;

*JAMES ARNOLD*, Esq;

*GIDEON COMSTOCK*, Esq;

*JOB RANDALL*, Esq;

*PETER PHILLIPS*, Esq;

*IMMANUEL CASE*, Esq;

*PARDON GRAY*, Esq;

} Assistants.

*WILLIAM MUMFORD*, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

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## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable JOSHUA BABCOCK, Esq; SPEAKER:

## NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, Esq;  
 Thomas Rumreil, Esq;  
 Mr. William Borden.

## PROVIDENCE:

John Updike, Esq;  
 Elihu Robinson, Esq;  
 Theodore Foster, Esq;  
 Capt. Paul Allen.

## PORTSMOUTH:

NONE.

## WARWICK:

John Warner, Esq;  
 Thomas Holden, Esq;  
 Mr. John Greene (*Son of David*)  
 Mr. Thomas Rice (*Son of Thomas.*)

## WESTERLY:

Mr. Speaker,  
 Joseph Noyes, Esq;

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, Esq;  
 Sylvester Gardner, Esq;

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Enoch Hatzard, Esq;  
 Rowse J. Helme, Esq;

## EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, Esq;  
 Thomas Tillinghast, Esq;

## JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr.  
 Benjamin Underwood, Esq;

## SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, Esq;  
 Mr. Peleg Arnold.

## SCITUATE:

Timothy Hopkins, Esq;  
 Mr. Christopher Potter.

## GLOUCESTER:

Timothy Wilmarth, Esq;  
 Mr. Caleb Arnold.

## CHARLESTOWN:

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq;  
 Jonathan J. Hazzard, Esq;

## WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, Esq;  
 Judiah Aylsworth, Esq;

## COVENTRY:

Stephen Potter, Esq;  
 Mr. David Bucklin.

## EXETER:

George Pierce, Esq;  
 John Chapman, Esq;

## MIDDLETOWN:

NONE.

## BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, Esq;

## TIVERTON:

Mr. William Cook.

## LITTLE COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, Esq;  
 Mr. Adam Simmons.

## WARREN:

NONE

## CUMBERLAND:

Mr. James Lovett,  
 Mr. John Lapham.

## RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, Esq;  
 Robert Stanton, Esq;

## CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, Esq;  
 Mr. Peter Burlingame.

## HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, Esq;  
 Mr. George Thurston.

## JOHNSTON:

Mr. John Smith.

## NORTH PROVIDENCE

Esek Hopkins, Esq;

## BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, Esq;

WILLIAM CHANNING, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

**W**HEREAS a Committee was appointed, at the last Session of this Assembly, to enquire into the Number of Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, which have been purchased in Behalf of this State, within their respective Towns, agreeable to a former Resolution of this Assembly; the Number of the said Guns now remaining in the said Towns, and if any are missing, to whom they were delivered, and who were appointed to purchase the same: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Committee be, and they are hereby continued, for the Purpose aforesaid; and that they make the said Enquiry, and a Report thereof to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to enquire concerning Arms, &c. continued.

**W**HEREAS this Assembly, at *December* Second Session, *A. D. 1777*, did pass an Act, appointing a Committee to draft a Bill for confiscating and making Sale of all the real and personal Estates, of such of the Inhabitants of this State and others, who have forfeited the same, and their Right to the Protection of this State; and to invest the Monies arising from the Sales in Continental Loan-Office Certificates, to be appropriated as shall be hereafter directed, by the legislative Authority of this State, agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress, of the Twenty-second of *November* last: And whereas said Committee have not yet made any Report, agreeable to said Resolve: And whereas *Henry Marchant*, Esq; One of the said Committee, is now necessarily absent: Wherefore *Resolved*, That the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; together with *Henry Ward*, *Rowse J. Helme* and *William Channing*, Esqrs. Three of the Committee heretofore appointed, be and they are hereby continued and appointed a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid: That they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session; and that a Copy of this Resolve be transmitted to each of said Committee, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.

Committee to draft a Bill for confiscating Estates, &c. continued.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *David Austin* be permitted to take off the Rye and Wheat growing on the Farm lately improved by him, in the Town of *Exeter*, without any Molestation from Mr. *Samuel Carr*, the present Tenant.

*D. Austin* permitted to take Rye, &c. off the Farm he lately improved.

**W**HEREAS many of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, with their Families, are detained until others now on the Main are permitted to go on the Island of *Rhode-Island*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Gen. *Sullivan* be, and he is hereby requested, to effect an Exchange and Release of the Families who are detained as aforesaid; and that he permit such of the Families now on the Main, with their Household Furniture and Wearing Apparel, to go on said Island, as shall be necessary for that Purpose.

Vote respecting Inhabitants detained at *Newport*.

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*J. James's Petition referred.*

W H E R E A S *Joseph James*, Lieutenant of the Third Company of Militia, in *West-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That he, with Ensign *Randall Spencer*, were ordered to join Capt. *Benjamin Gorton's* Company, in the late intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island*: That they served their Tour of Duty, and Capt. *Gorton* made out an Abstract for One Month's Pay, which was objected to by Gen. *Cornell* and the Committee, by Reason that there were more Officers in said Company than are allowed by Law; and that his Name and *Spencer's* were erased out of said Abstract, whereby they have lost the Benefit of having any Wages for their Service: And thereupon the said *Joseph James* prayed this Assembly, to grant such a Sum of Money as shall be equal to their Wages.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to Gen. *Cornell*, Col. *Lippitt* and Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to regulate Fees.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, *Edward Perry*, *Theodore Foster* and *Thomas Rumreil*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to regulate the Fees of the Officers within this State: That they raise such Penalties as are too low; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the present or next Session.

Sentence of 2 Court-Martial against *D. and P. Mowry* approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly approve of the Sentence of a Court-Martial, held the Thirteenth of June last, laying a Fine of Forty Pounds lawful Money each, upon *Philip Mowry* and *David Mowry*; and that the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan* be, and he is hereby requested to transmit an authentic Copy of said Sentence to the Town-Clerk of the Town of *Smithfield*, who is hereby empowered and required on Receipt thereof, immediately to issue a Warrant of Distress, directed to the Town-Serjeant or either of the Constables, within said Town, returnable within Thirty Days, commanding them, or either of them, to distrain so much of the Goods and Chattels of the said *David* and *Philip* respectively, as shall be sufficient to satisfy and pay the said Sums of Forty Pounds, for each of them, together with all lawful Costs: That so much thereof as will be sufficient to hire Persons in their Room, for the Tour of Duty in which they have been deficient, be applied to that Purpose, by the Town-Council of said Town of *Smithfield* immediately: That the Residue (if any) be lodged in the Treasury of said Town, as the Property of said *Philip* and *David Mowry*, in order to be applied to the same Purposes, so far as the same will extend, on future similar Occasions,



sions, or that the same be restored to the said *Philip* and *David Mowry*, whenever they apply therefor ; provided such Application be made any Time before the same be expended : And that the Officer levying the Warrants pay said Fines to said Town-Clerk, to be appropriated agreeable to said Sentence.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Officer who shall receive the said Warrant, shall proceed and execute the same in such Manner as other Warrants of Distress are by Law directed to be executed ; and that the Secretary furnish Gen. *Sullivan*, and the Town-Clerk of *Smithfield*, each with an attested Copy of this Resolve.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *James Congdon*, the 3d, *J. Congdon*, 3d, be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Four <sup>to draw £440.</sup> Hundred and Forty Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for paying off the Bounty Abstracts of the Regiment of Militia under the Command of Col. *Noyes*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to Gen. *Sullivan*, to order a Trial of *Bernard Miller*, <sup>tried by a</sup> by a Court-Martial ; and that he order the Sentence of said <sup>Court-Martial.</sup> Court, being by him first approved, into Execution.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; as One *J. Northup* to of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered <sup>draw £, 1200.</sup> to draw Twelve Hundred Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for paying the Wages and Bounties of the Regiment of Militia under the Command of Col. *Dyre*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *James Congdon*, the 3d, be *J. Congdon*, 3d, and he is hereby empowered to draw Thirty-five Pounds law- <sup>to draw £ 35.</sup> ful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for discharging the Pay Abstracts of *Joshua Penaleton's* and *Samuel Thompson's* Companies.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Tillinghast* exhibited unto this *T. Tillinghast* al- Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for <sup>lowed £ 33</sup> Bounties by him paid to the Soldiers enlisted into the Conti- <sup>18 s.</sup> nental and Fifteen Months Battalions in the Town of *East-Greenwich* : And the said Account having been examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*. Auditor of Accounts. who reported a Balance of Thirty-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings lawful Money, due thereon to the said *Thomas Tillinghast* : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted ; and that the said

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Balance be paid unto the said *Thomas Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury.

Act empowering Gen. *Sullivan* to apprehend disaffected Persons revived.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, empowering Gen. *Sullivan* to apprehend disaffected Persons, and subjecting the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, when lawfully called forth, to Martial Law, be and the same is hereby revived: That the same continue in Force until the Meeting of this Assembly at the next Session, and no longer; and that a Copy of this Resolve be transmitted to Gen. *Sullivan*, as soon as may be.

Petition from *G. Bethune, &c.* referred.

W H E R E A S *George Bethune* and *Martin Brimmer*, both of *Boston*, Merchants, as Attornies and Agents to *Thomas Palmer*, of *Surinam*, but late of said *Boston*, Merchant, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That the said *Thomas Palmer* was possessed in his own Right of a Tract of Land in *Bristol* in this State, which he leased out to *Stephen Munro* and *Hezekiah Munro*, of said *Bristol*, for Four Years from the Eighth of *April, A. D. 1773*: That this Assembly were pleased, by an Order passed at the Session held in *December, A. D. 1776*, to direct the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, to take Possession of the said Estate, upon a Suggestion that the said *Thomas Palmer* was an Enemy to the *United States of America*; and also to empower the Commanding-Officer as *Bristol* to cut Wood from the said Estate, for the Use of the Troops stationed there: That afterwards they were pleased to order the Rents due from the said Tenants to be paid into the Hands of their Committee, and to be lodged in the General-Treasury: That in Consequence of the aforementioned Orders Possession hath been taken of the aforesaid Estate, the back Rents have been paid into the General-Treasury, from the said Eight Day of *April, A. D. 1773*, to the Eighth Day of *April* last, and a very large Quantity of Wood hath been cut for the Use of the Army; and that the said *Thomas Palmer*, so far from being an Enemy to the *United States*, hath on all Occasions, by an uniform Conduct testified his Friendship to them, and to the great Cause in which they are engaged for the Security of their Rights: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, that Possession of the said Estate may be given them, for the said *Thomas Palmer*: That the Rents so paid may be accounted for; and that reasonable Damages may be allowed, for the Wood so taken from the said Farm.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Petition be referred: That the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *William Bradford*, Esq; and Mr. *Cromel*

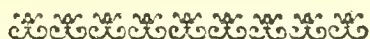
*Cromel Child* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to enquire into the Truth of the Facts contained in said Petition; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Militia and Alarm Companies of the Town of *Little-Compton*, who have done Duty within said Town since the Sixth Day of *November* last, be allowed as a Bounty, after the Rate of Forty Shillings *per Month*; and that they be paid accordingly.

Bounty allowed to the Militia in *Little-Compton*.

WHEREAS Capt. *Thomas Allin* laid before this Assembly a Return of sundry Articles of Clothing, belonging to the Soldiers in his Company, and also of One Gun and Accoutrements, and One Silver-mounted Hanger belonging to himself, which were destroyed and taken by the *British* Troops who landed at *Bristol*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Consideration of said Return be referred to the Council of War.

Return of Clothing, &c. taken by the Enemy, referred to the Council of War.



*An ACT for carrying into Execution a Resolve of Congress, laying an Embargo on the Exportation of all Kinds of Provisions from this State.*

WHEREAS the Honorable Continental Congress did, on the Eighth Day of *June* last, pass a Resolve, laying an Embargo prohibiting the Exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, *Indian Corn*, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon, live Stock, and other Provisions, from and after the Tenth Day of the same *June*, until the Fifteenth Day of *November* next, unless sooner revoked: *Provided*, That said Embargo shall not be construed to prevent the taking on board such Provisions as shall be necessary, for the Stores only of any Ships or Vessels of War, or others, trading to and from these States; and did thereupon recommend to the respective States, to take the most effectual Measures for carrying the said Resolution into immediate Execution: In Conformity whereto,

Act for carrying into Execution a Resolve of Congress, laying an Embargo on Provisions.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly, the Master of every Ship or Vessel, as well those bound on foreign Voyages as Coasters, shall previous to their sailing, produce to either of the Intendants of Trade within this

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this State, a true Manifest under Oath, of all the Provisions which he hath on board said Vessel for the Use of his Crew, specifying therein the different Qualities and Quantities of Provisions which he hath on board such Ship or Vessel; and thereupon the said Intendant shall give to the Master of such Ship or Vessel a Bill of Stores, permitting him to carry the Provisions therein specified; provided it shall appear to the said Intendant, that the Quantity therein contained is not more than sufficient for the Use of the Crew of such Ship or Vessel.

*A N D* be further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commander of every armed Vessel, applying at the Secretary's Office for a Commission, or Letters of Marque and Repisal, shall previous to his receiving the same, render a true Manifest under Oath, of all the Provisions which he hath on board such Ship or Vessel, for the Subsistence of the Crew thereof, specifying therein the different Quantities and Qualities of Provisions; and thereupon the said Secretary shall deliver to the Commander of such private Ship or Vessel of War a Bill of Stores, permitting him to carry the Provisions therein specified; provided it shall appear to him that the Quantity therein contained is not more than is sufficient for the Crew of such Ship or Vessel of War.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Intendants of Trade, within this State, or either of their Deputies, be and they are hereby directed to search every Vessel within their respective Districts, as well private Vessels of War as Merchantmen or Coasters; and if they shall find on board a greater Quantity of Provisions than is contained in said Bill of Stores, that it shall and may be lawful, and the said Intendants or either of them, or either of their Deputies, are hereby directed and fully empowered to seize the Quantity more than is contained in said Bill of Stores, and to lodge an Information against the same, before the Judge of the maritime Court within this State, who is hereby directed to proceed therein, agreeable to the Act for the Trial of Prize Causes within this State, and on Condemnation thereof shall order and decree said Goods to be sold at public Vendue, and shall order that One-Third Part thereof, after deducting all Charges of Trial and Condemnation, be delivered to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other Two-Thirds to be paid into the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of this State.

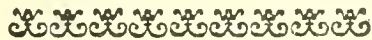
*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master of a Vessel, as well private Vessels of War as Merchantmen or Coasters, who shall be detected in carrying or having on board his said Ship or Vessel any greater Quantity



tity of Provisions than is in this Act specified, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, to and for the Use of this State, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds lawful Money, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That* dried and pickled Fish be added to the Number of prohibited Articles referred to in the afore-recited Resolve of Congress.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That* this Act shall continue and be in Force, until the Fifteenth Day of *November* next, unless sooner repealed by this Assembly ; and that a Copy thereof be inserted in the *Providence Gazette* Three Weeks successively, that all Persons concerned may have Notice thereof.



*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Henry Rice, Esq;* the late Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, immediately deliver all the Schedules, and other Papers of public Import, received by him as Sheriff, to *Richard Fry, Esq;* the present Sheriff of said County. *H. Rice to deliver Schedules, &c. to R. Fry.*

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, That Mr. *John Read*, who hath lately come off from the Island of *Rhode-Island*, voluntarily joined the Enemy on said Island, put himself under the Protection, and acknowledged himself a Subject of his *Britannic Majesty* ; and hath thereby forfeited the Protection of this and the *United States* : Wherefore *Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is earnestly recommended to the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, to order the said *John Read* to be apprehended and confined : And that the General, as soon as conveniency will admit, send said *John Read* back to the Enemy upon *Rhode-Island*. *J. Read to be sent back to Newport.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Nichols* be appointed Officers ap- Ensign of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Exeter*, in the Room of *John Congdon, jun.* who declines : That *Benjamin Thomas* be Captain, *William Collins* Lieutenant, and *William Clarke* Ensign, of the Second Company in the said Town ; and that *George Willcox* be Captain, *John Bates* (Son of *Samuel*) Lieutenant, and *Jonathan Lillibridge*, Ensign of the Third Company in the same Town. *Officers appointed.*

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Further Time  
allowed to the  
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Towns for  
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State's Brigade.

**T**HIS Assembly, at the last Session, having ordered Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine Men to be raised by the Tenth of *June* last, for filling up the State's Brigade ordered at the Session in *December* last, and apportioned the same to the several Towns, some of which have not raised the Quota assigned them, and requested a further Time for that Purpose: *It is therefore Resolved*, That such delinquent Towns shall keep up in the Field so many Men from the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, in such Town, as they are deficient in their Quota as aforesaid, until the same shall be compleated: That the Militia so doing Duty shall be entitled to the Continental Wages and Rations only: That such delinquent Towns be empowered to raise the deficient Numbers as aforesaid, on or before the Sixteenth Day of *July* inst. and that the Men so inlisting shall receive the Wages, Bounties and Rations, allowed by the said Resolve: That the Colonel or Commanding-Officer of the respective Regiments of Militia in this State, be directed to make Enquiry from Time to Time of the Numbers of Men raised by the several Towns in their respective Districts, as their Quota as aforesaid, and to draught a sufficient Number out of the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, to make good such Deficiency, who shall do Duty for Fifteen Days each: That the Men which shall be so draughted do Duty in the Companies and under the Command of Officers in the Twelve Months Brigade: That such Towns as shall inlist their Quotas by the said Time, shall be excused the Fines they may have incurred by their Delinquency; and that the Town-Clerks of the delinquent Towns make a Return of the Numbers of Men by them inlisted within the Time limited, to the Council of War, on the Seventeenth Day of *July* inst.

*AND it is Ordered*, That a Copy hereof be immediately transmitted to the said Town-Clerks.

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*D Chace's Petition referred.*

**W**H E R E A S *Daniel Chace*, of *North-Kingstown*, in the County of *King's County*, Yeoman, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That he is a true and faithful Subject of, and bears true Faith and Allegiance to the *United States of America* in general, and to this State in particular: That he hath complied with all the Rules and Orders of the State, and hath at all Times and upon all Occasions done Duty as a Soldier: That he was an Inhabitant of the Island of *Prudence*, was driven from thence and had most of his Estate destroyed by the *British* Forces: That his Father *James Chace* is now, and for the Space of Thirty Years hath been an

Inhabitant

Inhabitant of *Middletown* on *Rhode-Island*, but hath never joined the *British* Forces in any Measure or Degree; and that his said Father was the Owner of a certain Farm in the Town of *Little-Compton*, upon which his Brother lately dwelt until dispossessed by Order of this Assembly, but for what Reasons he knows not: And thereupon the said *Daniel Chace* prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him the Benefit of said Farm, to and for his own Use:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Petition be referred: That *Peter Phillips*, *Pardon Gray*, *Nathaniel Searle* and *William Cooke*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to enquire into the Truth of the Facts therein contained; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Intendant for the Port of *Providence*, be and he is hereby directed to clear out about Four Tons of Bread, for the Privateer Sloop *General Stark*, owned by *Nathan Miller* and others, of this State, which Vessel is now at *New-London*, and bound on a Cruize against the Enemies of the *United States*. Provisions for the Privateer *General Stark* to be cleared out.

WHEREAS *Akraw Remington*, a Negro Man Slave belonging to Mr. *Benjamin Remington*, hath enlisted into the Continental Service, agreeable to a Resolution of this Assembly, and hath been appraised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and valued at One Hundred and Twenty Pounds lawful Money: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Remington* be allowed the said Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds; and that he be paid the same out of the General-Treasury, upon his producing and delivering to the Treasurer a Certificate of said Appraisalment. *B. Remington* to draw £ 120.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Thomas Potter, jun.* and *James Helme*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit: Report of the Committee upon the Delivery of the Records, &c. of the Superior Court for King's County.

“WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, to receive of the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in the County of *King's County*, the Books of Entries, Files, and other Papers belonging to said Office, and deliver them to the present Clerk, do report, That we have this Day received the same of the late, and delivered them to the present Clerk, and have given and taken Receipts for the same.

THOMAS POTTER, jun.  
JAMES HELME.”

*South-Kingstown, May 19, 1778.*

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A N D the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

*S. Mumford to draw £.300.* *I T is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for paying Bounty Abstracts.

*Time for filing Declarations, &c. to Newport Inferior Court lengthened.* *I T is Voted and Resolved*, That Declarations to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be held at *Tiverton*, on the Second Monday of July inst. be filed Six Days before the Sitting of said Court; and that Answers be filed, on or before the Second Day of the Sitting of said Court; any Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

*J. Warner's Petition referred.* WHEREAS *John Warner*, a Captain-Lieutenant in the Regiment of Artillery in this State, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That being on public Service, on the Thirteenth of June last past, between *Warwick* and *Pawtuxet*, he lost his Pocket-Book with Forty Pounds lawful Money, belonging to the State, which he had received to recruit with, and sundry valuable Papers of his own: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief, that he may not be accountable for the public Money, as he meets with considerable Loss of his own Property.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session of this Assembly; and that in the mean Time the Money suggested to have been lost, belonging to the State, be not demanded of the said *John Warner*.

*Sheriff of King's County to sell Eight Casks of Tobacco, at Vendue.* *I T is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of *King's County*, sell at public Vendue Eight Casks of Tobacco, heretofore belonging to *Thomas Cutter*, and taken Possession of in Behalf of this State: That he advertise the Time of Sale in the *Providence Gazette*; and that he make Report thereof to this Assembly, or in their Recess to the Council of War.

*Report from the Sheriff for the County of Kent.* WHEREAS *Richard Fry*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

*Kent County, June 5, 1778.*

"T H E N took Possession of the Estate of *Joseph Hunt*, jun. as I was required. A List of the personal Estate is as follows, *to wit*: One Pair of Oxen, Two Cows, Five Sheep, one Hog, one small Table, Two Chests, Two Chairs, One flock Bed and Bedstead, one Quart Pot. and Eight empty Barrels.

*Per RICHARD FRY, Sheriff."*

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Sheriff immediately sell the Pair of Oxen and One of the Cows at public Vendue, and make Report thereof to this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof to the Council of War; and that he deliver the Remainder of said personal Estate to the Wife of the said *Joseph Hunt*, jun.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

*B. Brown's Report upon the Situation of sundry Estates in King's County.*

"IN Obedience to the Order of the General Assembly, I have enquired into the present Situation of the Estates of *William Robinson* and *Samuel Gardner*, situate in *South-Kingstown*, and do report, That it appears by a Certificate from the Town-Clerk of *South-Kingstown*, that the Estate of *William Robinson* is mortgaged to *Sylvester Robinson*, for Four Thousand and Thirty *Spanish Silver* milled Dollars, payable the Thirteenth Day of *March*, *A. D.* 1773. The said *Sylvester*, who is in Possession of the Premises, informs me, that the said *William* owed him a Sum of Money which was not contained in the Mortgage.

"IT also appears by a Certificate from said Town-Clerk, that the Estate of *Samuel Gardner* is mortgaged to *Thomas Brown*, for One Hundred and Sixty-seven *Spanish Silver* milled Dollars, payable the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, *A. D.* 1772. *Abijah Babcock* the present Tenant informed me, that he is to give said *Gardner* for said Estate, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, Five Hundred Weight of Pork, and the cutting some Brush, *per Year*; and that he now owes said *Gardner* Two Years Rent. Which is submitted by your Honors most humble Servant,

BERIAH BROWN, Sheriff."

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the Consideration thereof be referred to the next Session of this Assembly: That the said *Abijah Babcock*, who is the Tenant in possession of said Estate, belonging to the said *Samuel Gardner*, retain in his Hands the back and future Rents of said Estate, until the further Orders of this Assembly; and that a Copy hereof be forthwith transmitted to the said *Abijah Babcock*.

WHEREAS the Executors of *Ezekiel Burr*, late of *Providence*, deceased, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, *D* Executors of *E. Burr* allowed £9 3 s. by 7 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ .



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by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to General *Washington*, in the Year 1776, to procure Six *British* Prisoners, to redeem so many *Americans*, then Prisoners at *Newport* ; for their Expences to *Providence*, and the Expences of Four of them to *Newport*, by Order of the Governor : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Nine Pounds Three Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny lawful Money, be paid out of the General-Treasury, to the Executors of the said *Ezekiel Burr*.

Executors of  
*P. Burr* al-  
lowed £5 8s.

WHEREAS the said Executors laid before this Assembly another Account, charged by the said *Ezekiel* against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, on two Expresses to General *Washington* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the Executors of the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Cocke's* Con-  
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chasing Cloth-  
ing approved.

WHEREAS by a Resolution of this Assembly, passed at May Session, *A. D.* 1778, *John Cook*, Esq; was required to appear before this Assembly, to render an Account of his Conduct in purchasing a Quantity of Clothing for the Use of this State, which hath been adjudged unfit for Service : And the said *John Cook* having appeared agreeable to said Resolution, and this Assembly have examined into the Matter : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Conduct of the said *John Cook* be approved of, so far as respects the purchasing of the Cloth : But as the said Clothing or Part thereof are badly made and too small for the Use for which they were intended, that the making of such of the Clothing as are badly made be deducted from his Account : That if any of said Clothing shall upon Examination be found too small for any Person in the Service, that they be returned to the said *John Cook*, and be also deducted from his Account : And that *Stephen Potter*, Esq; and Messrs. *James Lovett* and *Paul Allen*, be and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to examine said Clothing and that they make Report thereof to the Council of War.

*J. Reynolds* to  
have Clothing  
in his Hands  
altered.

WHEREAS there is a large Quantity of Clothing now in the Possession, of the Agent-Clothier in this State, which was delivered in by the Committees of Safety, and it is necessary to alter the same : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; the Agent-Clothier, have the same altered in the best Manner he can, and deliver them out to the Troops  
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now doing Duty in this State : That the Committee appointed to examine the Clothing returned into the said Store by *John Cook*, Esq; also examine the Clothing above referred to : That such of the said Clothing as may be adjudged by them unfit for the Use of the said Troops, be not altered or delivered out ; and that the said Committee make Report thereof to this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof to the Council of War.

WHEREAS *Gideon Comstock* and *Christopher Lippitt*, Report of the Esqrs. Two of the Committee who were appointed to examine what Allowance should be made to the Troop of Horse for their Service, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* : Report of the Committee upon the Allowance to the Troop of Horse.

“ A G R E E A B L E to Appointment have taken the Petition of the Officers of the Troop of Horse into Consideration, and report our Opinion as follows : That the commissioned Officers ought to be allowed the same Wages from Time to Time as are allowed the Alarm and Militia Officers of equal Commissions, doing Duty at the same Time, and the same Number of Rations as are allowed the several Militia Officers with whom they respectively rank.

“ A N D your Committee are of Opinion, that the same Bounties, Wages and Rations, ought to be allowed the non-commissioned Officers and Privates, as are allowed the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Alarm-List and Militia : That they be allowed for the Service of their Horses, the same *per* Day as the Privates ; and as to Rations for their Horses and going Express, that they be allowed the same as are allowed in the Continental Army.

Submitted by your humble Servants,

*Gideon Comstock,*  
*Christopher Lippitt,* } Committee.”

T H E State, Dr. To our Service on the foregoing Business, One Day each, at 18 s. *per* Day, £ 1 16 0  
Expences, 9 s. each, 0 18 0

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£ 2 14 0

A N D the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted* *G. Comstock, &c.* and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That the said Account be allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, <sup>14 s.</sup> £ 2 being Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Gideon Comstock* and *Christopher Lippitt*, out of the General-Treasury. I T

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Sheriff of Kent  
to lease Estates  
in that County.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of Kent, forthwith take Possession of all the personal Estate, wherever it may be found, of *Francis Corey*, who hath joined the Enemy on the Island of *Rhode-Island*.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sheriff immediately lease the real Estate of *Joseph Hunt*, jun. who hath also joined the Enemy (excepting the House belonging to the Father of the said *Joseph Hunt*, jun. and One Acre of Land) in the same Manner and upon the same Conditions as the real Estates in the Possession of the State have been heretofore leased ; and that he make Report to this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof, to the Council of War.

Second Com-  
pany in *Little-  
Compton* di-  
vided into  
Two Compa-  
nies.

WHEREAS *John Cook*, Esq; Colonel, and *Pardon Gray*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, of the Second Regiment of Militia for the County of *Newport*, represented unto this Assembly, That the Second Company of Militia in *Tiverton* is become too numerous for One Company, and therefore prayed that the said Second Company be divided into two distinct and separate Companies, in the following Manner, *to wit* : That all the Men North of *Quackett Brook*, to *Samuel Borden's* House on the Country Road, and from thence to *John Cook's* Saw-Mill South, and to the Westward of *Stafford's* Ponds, and thence up the Road that leads to *Bedford*, until it meets *Dartmouth* Line, and thence North into *Cranberry Neck*, may compose the Second Company : That all the Men from *Samuel Borden's* House to the North as far as *Fall-River* Line, thence East up to *Waltuppy* Pond, and over the said Pond, taking in all that Part called *Waltuppy* ; and also all the Men in the Road called *Stafford's* Road, may compose the Third Company : That Officers may be appointed for the said Two Companies ; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

On Consideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority hereof it is Enacted*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted : And that the said Second Company in *Little-Compton*, be and the same is hereby divided into two distinct and separate Companies, in Manner and according to the Lines above described.

Report of the  
Committee re-  
specting the  
Money due  
from *J. Smith*.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Jenckes*, *Paul Allen* and *Nathaniel Mumford*, laid before this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

“ AGREEABLE



"AGREEABLE to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly, we have made Examination of the Books and Papers of the General-Treasurer's Office, respecting a Sum of Money that was not accounted for in the last Settlement of his Account, amounting to about Nineteen Hundred and Sixty Pounds; and after having made the strictest Enquiry in our Power we find, That on the Twenty-second Day of March, 1777, Mr. *John Smith* had an Order of the Council of War on the Treasurer, for Two Thousand Pounds, and the same Day there was endorsed on said Order Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds, the remaining Sum of the Order being One Thousand and Two Pounds Mr. *Smith* acknowledges to have received, and consents should be charged to him, which makes so much of the deficient Sum: We also find that Mr. *Smith* at the same Time received in Notes out of the Treasury, the Sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds, which we cannot find any Way accounted for, unless it be by the remaining Part of that deficient Sum.

"ALL the Orders that Mr. *Smith* had on the Treasury appear to be properly endorsed and charged, except the One abovementioned; and all the Notes of that Emission appear clearly accounted for, except that Number paid to Mr. *Smith* at that Time. These are the Facts relating to this Matter, which we submit to the Determination of your Honors.

JOHN JENCKES,  
PAUL ALLEN,  
NATHANIEL MUMFORD."

Providence, June 27, 1778.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be received; and that the subject Matter thereof be again referred to the said Committee, together with the Addition of *Gideon Comstock*, Esq; That they hear the Treasurer, and the said *John Smith* thereon; and that they report their Opinions upon the same, to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Wilbur* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for billeting a Number of Soldiers who were stationed on *Rhode-Island*; W. Wilbur allowed £. 6 15 s. 7 d.



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*Island* ; for carting Cannon Ball to *Bristol* Ferry ; for transporting Soldiers to *Conannicut* ; for carting Baggage, and for assisting Col. *Cook* at a Vendue of Stock, Hay, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Balance thereof, being Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence lawful Money, due thereon, be paid unto the said *William Wilbur*, out of the General-Treasury.

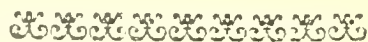
*W. Wilbur* allowed £ 36  
10 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS the said *William Wilbur* presented unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding a Number of Workmen upon the Farm late belonging to *George Rome* ; for going Express to Gen. *West* ; and for One Year's Wages as an Overseer on the abovesaid Farm : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Balance thereof, being Thirty-six Pounds Ten Shillings and Tenpence lawful Money, due thereon to the said *William Wilbur*, be paid him out of the General-Treasury.

A Tax of  
£ 32,000. to  
be assessed,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Tax of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds lawful Money, be levied on the Inhabitants of this State, to be collected and paid into the General-Treasury by the First Day of *October* next, including a Tax of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds lawful Money, being the One-Fourth Part of the Tax recommended by a Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-second of *November* last, to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, in the Course of the Year 1778 : That it be apportioned by the Apportionment and in the Manner whereby the last Tax was apportioned, excepting that One-Eighth Part of the apportioned Value of the Town of *Bristol* be deducted from the said Apportionment : That the Poll-Tax be Sixpence for every Thousand Pounds : That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* apportion said Tax and draft an Act accordingly ; and that he report the same to the Council of War, as soon as may be ; which being accepted by said Council, shall pass as an Act of this Assembly, and Copies thereof be sent to the several Town-Clerks.

THE following is the Act reported to the Council of War, agreeable to the foregoing Resolve, and approved by them.



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*An ACT assessing and apportioning a Rate or Tax of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.*

*B*E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of *October* next, in Bills emitted by the Congress: And that Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds thereof be appropriated to the Payment of the Fourth Part of a Tax of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, recommended by Congress, by a Resolve of the Twenty-second of *November* last, to be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, and to be paid into the Continental Treasury; and that the Remainder of said Tax be appropriated to defray the Charges of the State.

Act assessing  
and apportion-  
ing a Tax of  
£ 32,000.

*AND* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be Sixteen Shillings, being Sixpence for every Thousand Pounds; and that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions, and those enlisted by this State for Twelve Months, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners on board any armed Vessels in the Service of the Continent, or of this State) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

*AND* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit:

|                        |        |    |    |              |
|------------------------|--------|----|----|--------------|
| <i>Newport,</i>        | £ 3472 | 17 | 6  |              |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i>     | 1356   | 19 | 2  |              |
| <i>New-Shoreham,</i>   | 317    | 9  | 8  |              |
| <i>Jamestown,</i>      | 523    | 7  | 4  |              |
| <i>Middletown,</i>     | 1013   | 11 | 10 |              |
| <i>Tiverton,</i>       | 1109   | 12 | 0  |              |
| <i>Little-Compton;</i> | 982    | 1  | 10 |              |
|                        | <hr/>  |    |    |              |
|                        |        |    |    | £ 8,775 19 4 |
| <i>Providence,</i>     | 2660   | 8  | 0  |              |
| <i>Smithfield,</i>     | 1648   | 15 | 6  |              |
| <i>Scituate,</i>       | 1225   | 11 | 0  |              |
| <i>Gloucester;</i>     | 1069   | 7  | 0  |              |

*Cumberland,*

June, 1778.

|                                                                                                             |            |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <i>Cumberland,</i>                                                                                          | £ 621 5 10 |              |
| <i>Cranston.</i>                                                                                            | 1133 15 2  |              |
| <i>Johnston,</i>                                                                                            | 469 17 0   |              |
| <i>North-Providence,</i>                                                                                    | 447 5 10   |              |
|                                                                                                             | <hr/>      | £ 9,276 5 4  |
| <i>Westerly,</i>                                                                                            | 886 8 4    |              |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i>                                                                                     | 1449 15 0  |              |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i>                                                                                     | 2795 13 4  |              |
| <i>Charlestown,</i>                                                                                         | 731 1 10   |              |
| <i>Richmond,</i>                                                                                            | 591 14 4   |              |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i>                                                                                           | 795 18 0   |              |
| <i>Exeter,</i>                                                                                              | 823 17 6   |              |
|                                                                                                             | <hr/>      | 8,074 8 4    |
| <i>Bristol,</i>                                                                                             | 530 12 0   |              |
| <i>Warren,</i>                                                                                              | 303 2 6    |              |
| <i>Barrington,</i>                                                                                          | 342 3 0    |              |
|                                                                                                             | <hr/>      | 1,175 17 6   |
| <i>Warwick,</i>                                                                                             | 1520 11 4  |              |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i>                                                                                      | 807 3 8    |              |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i>                                                                                      | 573 7 4    |              |
| <i>Coventry,</i>                                                                                            | 769 15 2   |              |
|                                                                                                             | <hr/>      | 3,670 17 6   |
|                                                                                                             |            | <hr/>        |
|                                                                                                             |            | £ 30,973 8 0 |
| The Proportion of £ 50,000 deducted<br>from <i>Providence,</i>                                              | }          | 757 16 0     |
| The Proportion of £ 10,000 deducted<br>from <i>Bristol,</i>                                                 | }          | 151 8 0      |
| One-Eighth Part of the Proportion<br>of the last Tax of £ 32,000 de-<br>ducted further from <i>Bristol,</i> | }          | 75 16 0      |
| The Proportion of £ 2,750 deducted<br>from <i>East-Greenwich,</i>                                           | }          | 41 12 0      |
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|                                                                                                             |            | £ 32,000 0 0 |

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportions of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof (except the Towns of *Newport, Jamestown, New-Shoreham, Portsmouth* and *Middletown*) as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same be paid; and each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax,

Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is directed and hereby required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrants within Four Days to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying, and collecting its Part of the aforesaid Tax.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of said Tax by the Time aforesaid, that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of said Tax (excepting the Towns before excepted) immediately after the First Day of October next, which Execution shall be returnable in Thirty Days.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken : And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State ; and the Judgment of said Special Court shall be final.*

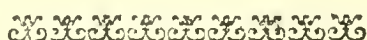
*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be and they are hereby required, to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer and Collector of Rates of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time that they send a Copy of the Rate-List.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That any Town which shall collect and pay into the General-Treasury, before the Time*



limited in this Act for the Payment thereof, the Sum assessed upon said Town, or any Part thereof, the General-Treasurer is empowered and hereby directed to pay Interest at *Six per Cent. per Ann.* therefor, from the Time it shall be paid in until the said First Day of *October* next; which Interest shall be by the Collector paid into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Use of such Towns respectively.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That* the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Fifteen Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town; and the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



Militia, &c.  
discharged.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That* the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, including the Militia Guards now on Duty, be forthwith discharged, excepting such of the Militia, Independent and Alarm Companies, as are ordered by a Resolution of this Assembly to be drafted to make up the Quota's of Troops heretofore assigned to the several Towns, to be raised to do Duty in the Twelve Months Brigade: That One Quarter Part of the Alarm and Militia Companies of *Little-Compton* be continued on Duty, till further Orders from this Assembly or the Council of War; and that Major-General *Sullivan* be furnished with an authenticated Copy hereof.

Officers appointed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Colwell, Esq;* be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Joseph Knight, Esq;* Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*: That *Ebenezer Slocum* be appointed Captain, *Benjamin Borden* Lieutenant, and *Jacob Sowle* Ensign of the Second Company of Militia in *Tiverton*; and that *Benjamin Durfey, jun.* be appointed Captain, *Richard Durfey* Lieutenant, and ——— *Shearman* Ensign of the Third Company of Militia in the said Town.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Samuel Montgomery* be appointed Surgeon, and *Stephen Monro* Surgeon's Mate to Col. *Crary's* Battalion: That *Stephen Wigner* be appointed Surgeon to Col. *Topham's* Regiment; and that the said Doctor *Montgomery* be intitled to Pay and Rations from the Eleventh  
of

of June last, and the said Doctor *Monro* from the Twenty-eighth of June last, being the Times they respectively joined the said Regiments.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; forth-  
with proceed in supplying the Officers of the Twelve Months  
Brigade, agreeable to a Resolution passed at the last Session of  
this Assembly; the Resolve of the Council of War to the Con-  
trary hereof notwithstanding.

*J. Reynolds* to supply the Officers with Clothing, at the Rate of Four for One.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; deliver the Clothing ordered to be furnished the Officers of the Twelve Months Brigade, at the Rate of Four Shillings lawful Money, for what cost One Shilling Sterling.

W H E R E A S at a Superior Court of Judicature, &c. *D. Rodman* to held at *South-Kingstown* in April last, a real Estate, mortgaged by one *George Gardner*, jun. to *Nicholas Easton*, Esq; deceased, and given by the said *Nicholas* in and by his last Will and Testament to *Nicholas Easton*, now at *Newport*, was redeemed by *George Tefft*, to whom the Equity of Redemption had been conveyed: And whereas the Redemption Money was ordered by the said Court to be paid to *Daniel Rodman*, the then Clerk of the said Court, which was done accordingly: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Daniel Rodman* pay the said Money into the General-Treasury; and that the same be paid to the said *Nicholas Easton*, whenever he or any Person in his Behalf shall appear to demand the same, with Interest from the Time of its being received into the Treasury.

*D. Rodman* to pay into the Treasury the Money he received on *N. Easton's* Mortgage.

W H E R E A S large Sums of Money have been received out of the Treasury, for purchasing Arms for the Use of this State, great Part of which remains unaccounted for: And whereas Salt, Flour and Iron, have been distributed to the several Towns, for which a considerable Sum of Money is now due to the State: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* enquire into the Sums of Money received by any Person within this State for the Purpose aforesaid, and which have not been accounted for; and also the Balances which are due for the Salt, Flour and Iron, distributed as aforesaid: That he make Report thereof to the Council of War; and that thereupon the Attorney-General commence Actions against the Persons who have any Balances in their Hands due to the State, and shall not immediately pay the same, to Special Courts who are empowered to hear and determine the same.

*N. Mumford* to enquire what Money has been received for Arms. &c.

*IT*

Officers appointed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Edward Weeden* be Lieutenant of the First Company of Militia, and *Amos Jones* Lieutenant of the Second Company of Militia in the Town of *East-Greenwich*.

Quantity of Clothing to be delivered to the Officers in the Brigade.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That each Field-Officer in the State's Brigade, receive out of the Agent-Clothier's Store, agreeable to a Resolution of this Assembly, the following Quantities of Clothing, *to wit* : Fourteen Yards of Shirting, One Coat, One Waistcoat, One Pair of Breeches, Two Pair of thread and One Pair of worsted Stockings, One Pair of Shoes, One Hat, Three Quarters of a Yard of Cambrick, One Yard and One-Eighth of Holland for Stocks, and Two Pocket Handkerchiefs, with Buttons, Silk, Thread, and Lining : That each Captain, Surgeon, and Adjutant, shall receive Ten Yards and a Half of Linen, One Coat, One Waistcoat, One Pair of Breeches, Two Pair of thread and One Pair of worsted Stockings, One Pair of Shoes, One Hat, Half a Yard of Cambrick, One Yard and One-Eighth of Holland for Stocks, and Two Pocket Handkerchiefs, with Buttons, Silk, Thread, and Linings ; and that the other Staff Officers and Subalterns shall receive Ten Yards and a Half of Linen, One Coat, One Waistcoat, One Pair of Breeches, Two Pair of thread and One Pair of worsted Stockings, One Pair of Shoes, One Hat, Half a Yard of Cambrick, One Yard and One-Eighth of Holland for Stocks, and Two Pocket Handkerchiefs, with Buttons, Silk, Thread, and Linings.

*W. Channing* allowed £ 4 17 s.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire in attending on this Assembly at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Spencer* allowed £ 3 12 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for whitewashing the State-House in the County of *Kent* ; for cleaning the same, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds Twelve Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Abraham Greene* presented unto this *A. Greene* Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for <sup>allowed</sup> £2 14 s. his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abraham Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General suffer Attorney-General to suffer a Non-suit in the Action commenced by *Martin Seamans*, a Non-suit in a certain Action, against the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Providence* and others, upon a Thirty per Cent. Bond, to *Providence* Inferior Court, June Term, A. D. 1778.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Permission be and hereby *G. Freeborn* permitted to go to is granted to Capt. *Gideon Freeborn*, an Inhabitant of this State, to proceed to the Island of *St. John's*, in a Boat or small Vessel in Ballast, in order to bring from the said Island his Effects that are there ; and that the said Effects be exempted from Confiscation.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Adjournment, Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in the respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Third Monday of *August* next, then to meet at the State-House in *South-Kingstown*.

G O D save the *United States* of A M E R I C A.

A true C O P Y, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*









AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of  
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of  
the STATE of *Rhode-Island*  
and *Providence Plantations*, begun  
and holden (in Consequence of  
Warrants issued by his Excellency  
the Governor) at *East-Greenwich*,  
within and for the said State, on  
*Wednesday* the Second Day of *Sep-*  
*tember*, in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,  
GOVERNOR.

The HONORABLE

*JABEZ BOWEN*, Esquire,  
DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

*JOHN SAYLES*, Esq;  
*JAMES ARNOLD*, Esq;  
*GIDEON COMSTOCK*, Esq;  
*JOB RANDALL*, Esq;  
*PETER PHILLIPS*, Esq;  
*IMMANUEL CASE*, Esq;

Assistants.

*WILLIAM MUMFORD*, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES



## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

NONE.

## PROVIDENCE:

Elihu Robinson, *Esq*;Theodore Foller, *Esq*;

Capt. Paul Allen.

## PORTSMOUTH:

NONE.

## WARWICK:

John Warner, *Esq*;Thomas Holden, *Esq*;Mr. John Greene (*Son of David*)Mr. Thomas Rice (*Son of Thomas.*)

## WESTERLY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

NONE.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*;Sylvester Gardner, *Esq*;

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;

## EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq*;Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*;

## JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,

Benjamin Underwood, *Esq*;

## SMITHFIELD:

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;

## SCITUATE:

Timothy Hopkins, *Esq*;

Mr. Christopher Potter.

## GLOUCESTER:

Timothy Wilmarth, *Esq*;

Mr. Caleb Arnold.

## CHARLESTOWN:

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq*;Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

## WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;Judiah Aylsworth, *Esq*;

## COVENTRY:

Stephen Potter, *Esq*;

Mr. David Bucklin.

## EXETER:

George Pierce, *Esq*;John Chapman, *Esq*;

## MIDDLETOWN:

NONE.

## BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, *Esq*;

## TIVERTON:

NONE.

## LITTLE-COMPTON

NONE.

## WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child.

## CUMBERLAND

Mr. James Lovett.

## RICHMOND

Edward Perry, *Esq*;Robert Stanton, *Esq*;

## CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippiitt, *Esq*;

Mr. Peter Burlingame.

## HOPKINTON:

Mr. George Thurlton.

## JOHNSTON:

Mr. John Smith,

Caleb Harris, *Esq*;

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Essek Hopkins, *Esq*;

## BARRINGTON:

Josiah Humphrey, *Esq*;

Mr. Speaker being absent, the Hon.

STEPHEN POTTER, *Esq*;

was chosen Speaker, pro. tempore.

WILLIAM CHANNING, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

**W**HEREAS by Reason of the late Expedition against Town-Meet-ings for the the Enemy, on *Rhode-Island*, the Freeman of the several Choice of De- Towns within this State were prevented from attending puties revived. Town-Meetings, for the Choice of Deputies to sit in the General Assembly to be convened on the last Monday in *October* next, at the Times fixed by Law :

*B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Town-Meetings be held on the last Tuesday of September inst. in the several Towns within this State (not in the Possession of the Enemy) at the Place at which they were to be held for the Choice of Deputies to represent said Towns in the General Assembly, on the last Monday in October next : And that such other Officers be chosen, and Business transacted, as would or might have been, had the Meetings been held at the Time fixed by Law : And that the Choice of Deputies, to represent any of said Towns at said October Sessions, be and the same is hereby declared null and void.*

**ORDERED**, That a Copy hereof be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks within this State; and they are hereby directed to issue their Warrants for calling Town-Meetings, agreeable to this Act.

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**W**HEREAS by Means of the late Expedition against Longer Time *Rhode-Island*, several Towns within this State, have not received allowed for ex- from the General-Treasurer their Proportion of the Loan-Office changing the Certificates, for the State's Money, which was by this General State's Money. Assembly allotted, within the Time stipulated : Wherefore, *Resolved*, That One Month from the Rising of this Assembly, be further given unto the several Towns, which have not received their Proportion of the said Loan-Office Certificates, to exchange their State's Money for the same : That in the mean Time the General-Treasurer do not deliver out any of said Loan-Office Certificates to private Persons : That after the Expiration of the Term aforesaid, the said General-Treasurer exchange the said Loan-Office Certificates for this State's Money, with any Person who shall make Application for the same, he reckoning the Interest from the Date of the said Certificates to the Time he shall deliver out the same, and receive the Interest so arising to and for the Use and Benefit of this State ; and that a Copy of this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*, that all Persons concerned may have Notice thereof.

**W H E R E A S**

September, 1778.

Allowance to  
M. Rounds dis-  
continued.

WHEREAS by a Resolution of the Council of War, Col. Daniel Tillinghast was required to furnish Mrs. Margaret Rounds with Eighteen Shillings lawful Money, *per Week*, for the Support of herself and her Children: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Allowance be discontinued; and that a Copy of this Resolve be transmitted to the said Daniel Tillinghast.

Sloop Dia-  
mond's Ac-  
counts to be  
collected.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Nathaniel Mumford collect the Accounts for repairing and fitting out the Sloop *Diamond*, and of Flax-Seed purchased for the Cargo of the said Sloop; and that he lay the same before this Assembly, as soon as may be.

R. Potter to be  
exchanged.

MR. Robert Potter having represented to this Assembly, That Mr. Rowse Potter was lately taken from *North-Kingstown*, and is now a Prisoner with the Enemy at *Newport*, and that he is desirous of obtaining his Exchange: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Major-General Sullivan be requested to grant a Flag to the said Robert Potter for the Purpose aforesaid; and that he permit such Articles of Clothing and Provisions as may be necessary for the Use of the said Rowse Potter to be carried in said Flag.

Inhabitants of  
*Johnston* and  
*Charlestown* in  
the Twelve  
Months Bri-  
gade to be fur-  
nished with  
Clothing.

WHEREAS certain of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Johnston* and *Charlestown*, who have enlisted into the Twelve Months Brigade, have received Money of their respective Towns in Lieu of Clothing: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War issue Orders on the Colonels of the Regiments to which they respectively belong, for the Clothing due to such Soldiers, in Favor of the said Towns: *Provided*, The said Towns shall produce to the said Council the Names of the Men, and their Receipts for the Money, and shall engage to supply them with Clothing while in Service: And, *provided also*, That the said Clothing hath not been already received by the said Soldiers.

Salary allowed  
to the late Go-  
vernor and De-  
puty-Governor.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency Nicholas Cooke, Esq; late Governor of this State, be allowed Two Hundred Pounds lawful Money, including his Salary, for his extraordinary Services the Year past: And that the Hon. William Bradford, Esq; late Deputy-Governor of this State, be allowed One Hundred and Fifty Pounds lawful Money, including his Salary, for his extraordinary Services the Year past.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Freemen of the Towns <sup>Freemen of</sup> *Newport, Portsmouth, Middletown and Jamestown*, to the <sup>*Newport to*</sup> Number of Seven at least from each Town respectively, be <sup>choose Depu-</sup> and they are hereby authorized and empowered to meet at the Places hereafter mentioned, *viz.* Those of the Town of *Newport*, at the State-House in *Providence* : Those of *Portsmouth* and *Middletown*, at the House of *William Durfey* in *Tiverton* ; and those of *Jamestown*, at the House of *Mathew Allyn* in *North-Kingstown*, on the last *Tuesday* of *September* inst. for the Choice of Deputies, to represent the said Towns in the General Assembly, on the last *Monday* of *October* next.

**O R D E R E D**, That a Copy hereof be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commission of *Christopher Robinson*, as Captain-Lieutenant in the Regiment of Artillery, which he prays Leave to resign, be accepted, and that he be dismissed from the same. <sup>*C. Robinson's*</sup> <sup>Resignation</sup> <sup>accepted.</sup>

**W H E R E A S** Mr. *Beriah Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *King's County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying divers Acts of the General Assembly and Council of War, to the several Towns in that County : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Beriah Waite*, out of the General-Treasury. <sup>*B. Waite al-*</sup> <sup>lowed</sup> <sup>£16</sup> <sup>10s.</sup>

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; and Mr. *John Jenckes*, be and they are hereby appointed to take into their Care and Custody the Ship *Aurora*, with her Appurtenances ; the Sloop *Diamond*, her Cargo and Appurtenances, and any Articles purchased for the Voyage intended to have been performed in the said Sloop, and the Oil in the Possession of Mr. *Christopher Sheldon* belonging to the State : And that they sell the same at public Vendue, in such Manner as they shall think will be most for the Benefit of the State, after having advertised the same Three Weeks successively in the *Providence Gazette*. <sup>Committee to</sup> <sup>sell Ship *Auro-*</sup> <sup>*ra* and Sloop</sup> <sup>*Diamond*, &c.</sup>

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Messrs. *James Lovett* and *Nathaniel Mumford*, be a Committee to wait on Major-General *Sullivan*, and request he will give an Order in Favor <sup>Committee to</sup> <sup>request Pay-</sup> <sup>ment of Gen.</sup> <sup>*Sullivan* for</sup> <sup>Provisions fur-</sup> <sup>nished by the</sup> <sup>of Militia, &c.</sup>



of the State, for Provisions or Money equivalent, in Satisfaction of the Provisions furnished by the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, who were called forth upon Alarm, and in the late Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, by *Peter Phillips*, Esq; That some of the Inhabitants of *North-Kingstown*, who are supposed to be inimical to the Liberties of the *United States* in general, and of this State in particular, have since the Arrival of the *French Fleet* upon our Coast, availed themselves of an Act of the General Assembly, passed at the Session held in *May* last, permitting all Persons, who had not before that Time subscribed the Test or Declaration heretofore prescribed by an Act of this State, to subscribe the same within the Time therein limited, before the Town-Councils of the Towns in which they may reside: And whereas sundry Persons in the said Town have in Consequence thereof signed the said Act before the said Town-Councils, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof:

The Subscription to the Test of sundry Persons in *North-Kingstown* declared null and void.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Subscriptions of all Persons within the said Town of *North-Kingstown*, who have subscribed the Test, before the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown*, since the Session of this Assembly last, held in *East-Greenwich*, be declared null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatever, as though they had not subscribed the same: *Provided nevertheless*, and it is hereby declared to be the Intent and Meaning of this Assembly, That any and every Person who shall appear before the Town-Council of the said Town of *North-Kingstown*, and shall in the Judgment of the said Town-Council, or the major Part of them, be Persons who were or ought be admitted to the Privilege aforesaid of signing the said Test, not being Persons inimical as aforesaid, be permitted to subscribe the same, at any Time on or before the Tenth Day of *October* next, and shall thereby be intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities of free and liege Subjects of this State. And the Secretary is ordered to transmit a Copy of this Resolve to the Town-Clerk of *North-Kingstown*.

Prisoners taken in the *Blaze-Castle* to be exchanged.

ON Application to this Assembly by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, representing, That sometime in the Month of *May* last, Capt. *James Monro*, in the Private Ship of War the *Blaze-Castle*, was taken by one of the King of *Great-Britain's* Ships of War: That he with about Fifty of his Officers and Men have been detained ever since, in *Halifax* Gaol; and that on Application by a Number of the Friends of the Prisoners to the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, he has granted them Liberty to take

a sufficient Number of Prisoners from on board the Prison-Ship at *Providence*, to redeem Capt. *Monro* and his People :

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy-Governor, be empowered and requested to grant the necessary Papers, in Conjunction with the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, for commissionating some proper Person in a suitable Vessel, to proceed to *Halifax* with the Prisoners as aforesaid, to redeem Capt. *Monro*, and his People, with such others as shall be released from *Halifax* Gaol ; and that this State will be at the Expence of One Half of the Provisions, and the Whole of the Wages of the Captain and Seamen, for carrying this Resolve into Execution.

W H E R E A S *James Arnold*, Esq; exhibited unto this <sup>*J. Arnold allowed*</sup> Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for <sup>£ 48.</sup> his Horse-hire and Expences in attending on the Council of War : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Forty-eight Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S *Immanuel Case*, Esq; presented unto this <sup>*I. Case allowed*</sup> Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for <sup>£ 44 4 s.</sup> his Expences and Horse-hire in attending on the Council of War : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Forty-four Pounds Four Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Immanuel Case*, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S *Gideon Comstock*, Esq; laid before this <sup>*A. G. Comstock allowed*</sup> Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his <sup>£ 52</sup> Expences and Horse-hire in attending on the Council of War : <sup>16 s.</sup> And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Fifty-two Pounds Sixteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Gideon Comstock*, out of the General-Treasury.

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W H E R E A S by Reason of the late Expedition against Further Time  
the Island of *Rhode-Island*, the Tax ordered to be assessed allowed for  
upon the Inhabitants of this State, at the last Sessions of this collecting the  
Assembly, hath not been assessed in many of the Towns, and it last Tax.  
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hath thereby become necessary to allow a further Time for collecting and paying the same into the Treasury : Wherefore *Resolved*, That the Towns which have not assessed the said Tax, be and they are hereby empowered to assess the same, on or before the Thirtieth Day of *September* inst. and that said Tax be collected, and paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the first Day of *December* next ; and that Warrants be issued against the Town-Treasurers of any delinquent Towns, in Manner as is provided by the Resolve of this Assembly assessing said Tax upon the Inhabitants of this State ; and that a Copy of this Resolve be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in the State, by them to be delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes.

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Soldiers in the  
Brigade to re-  
ceive Money  
in Lieu of  
Clothing.

W H E R E A S there are many of the non-commissioned Officers and Men in the State's Service, to whom Clothing is due, that are already sufficiently furnished therewith, and are desirous of receiving the Money in Lieu thereof : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Agent-Clothier in this State be empowered to pay any or all the Officers or Privates that choose to receive the Cash in Lieu of their Clothes, at the same Rate that he paid them off the last Year : *Provided*, That the Colonels or Commanding-Officers of the Regiments shall judge that the said Persons have Clothes sufficient to do Duty in, during the Time they have enlisted for.

Wool belong-  
ing to the State  
to be manu-  
factured or ex-  
changed for  
Stockings.

W H E R E A S a large Quantity of Stockings are wanted for the Use of the Troops in the Service of this and the other *United States* :

*It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier in this State, be empowered to receive what Sheep's Wool he may want, belonging to this State, now in the Hands of *Enoch Hazard* and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esqrs. and that he get the same manufactured or exchanged for good Yarn Stockings, as soon as may be.

*G. Peirce* al-  
lowed £13 4s.

W H E R E A S *George Peirce*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire, in attending on the Council of War : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirteen Pounds Four Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Peirce*, out of the General-Treasury.

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W H E R E A S *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences, in attending as a Member of the Council of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Twenty-six Pounds Two Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ezek Hopkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S *William Channing*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in attending this Assembly at *June Session*, as Clerk of the Lower House; and for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences to *Providence*, to attend the General Assembly which was to have been held in *August* last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid to the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S *Peter Phillips*, Esq; hath represented unto this Assembly, That at *February Session*, A. D. 1778, he lent the State, the Sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds lawful Money, towards purchasing Clothing for the Army, Part of which he has received; and that he is at present very much in Want of the Remainder of said Money, for discharging the public Contracts he has entered into: Wherefore *Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to pay to the said *Peter Phillips*, the Balance due to him, out of the General-Treasury; and that he take up the Note given him for said Money.

W H E R E A S *Richard Fry*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, viz.

*Kent*, ff. July 20, 1778.

*R. Fry's Report respecting the Estate of J. Hunt, jun.*

" I N Obedience to an Act of the Honorable the General Assembly, I have leased and sold the Part of *Joseph Hunt*, junior's Estate, as directed, in the following Manner, to wit: Leased the real Estate to Mr. *William Underwood*, for Fourteen Pounds lawful Money, to be paid in Produce at the stated Price, and he to pay the Tax of said Land:

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| " Sold One Pair of Oxen, at £54, | £ 54  | 0 | 0 |
| " Sold One Cow, at £28,          | 28    | 0 | 0 |
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|                                  | £ 82  | 0 | 0 |

R I C H A R D F R Y, Sheriff."

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September, 1778.

*R Fry to pay  
£82. into the  
Treasury.* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said *Richard Fry* pay the above Sum of Eighty-two Pounds lawful Money, into the General-Treasury.

Council of War to meet only once a Month. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War convene for the Dispatch of public Business, once in each Month; and that they continue in being Four Days, and not longer, unless upon the most urgent Occasions.

*R. Fry's Report upon the Sale of F. Corey's Estate.* WHEREAS *Richard Fry*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, laid before this Assembly the following Report, viz.

*Kent, ff. July, 1778.*

" I N Obedience to an Act of the Honorable the General Assembly, I have taken into Possession all the Estate of *Francis Corey* that hath come to my Knowledge, viz.

" O N E Bed and Furniture, One Table-Cloth, Four Towels, Four Gowns, One Cloak and Bonnet, One round Chair, One small Table, One Pair Shovel and Tongs, One Pair Hand-irons, One regimental Coat, One Gun and Equipage.

*R I C H A R D F R Y*, Sheriff."

*R. Fry to sell.* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And the said *Richard Fry* is directed to dispose of the above enumerated Articles at public Vendue, and that he pay the Money arising from the Sale thereof into the General-Treasury.

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Superior and  
Inferior Courts  
revived.

WHEREAS by Reason of the late Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which was to have been held (by Adjournment) in *Providence* on the Fourth Monday of *August* last, and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *King's County*, which was to have been held on the Second Monday of *August* last, were not then held: And whereas the Superior Courts of Judicature, &c. which are next to be holden for the Counties of *Providence* and *King's County*, cannot with Propriety be held at the Times fixed by Law

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for  
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the County of *Providence*, shall be holden at *Providence* on the Third *Monday* of *September* inst. That the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *King's County*, be held at *South-Kingstown* on the Fourth *Monday* of *September* inst. That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which is next to be holden in the County of *Providence*, be held on the First *Monday* of *October* next: That the said Superior Court of Judicature, &c. next to be holden in *King's County*, be held in said County on the First *Monday* of *November* next: That all Business cognizable before the said Courts, be by them respectively heard, tried, determined, or acted upon, in the same Manner as might have been done, had the several Courts aforesaid been held at the Times affixed by Law: And that the Grand and Petit Jurors of the several Counties where the said Courts are respectively to be holden, be and they are hereby directed and required to attend and serve at their respective Courts, under the same Penalties for Neglect or Refusal as they would have been subjected to, had the said Courts been holden at the usual Times by Law appointed.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That Declarations and Answers, at the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be next holden for the County of *King's County*, be filed at any Time on or before the Second Day of the Sitting of said Courts.

**O R D E R E D**, That this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*; and that a Copy hereof be sent to each Town-Clerk in the Counties within which the Courts are to be holden; and they are directed to issue Notifications for the Attendance of Jurors to their respective Courts, according to Law.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Expences which have accrued or may accrue, for warning in the Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies, within this State, and examining their Equipments, be paid by the Towns to which such Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies belong.

**W H E R E A S** his Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire, in attending as one of the Members of the Council of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be

Expences for warning the Militia, &c. to be paid by the Towns.

*W. Greene* allowed £ 54.

September, 1778.

be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Fifty-four Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

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Act for collecting Stockings.

**W**HEREAS *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier in this State, hath represented unto this Assembly, That a large Quantity of Yarn Stockings will be wanted for the Use of the Army the ensuing Winter :

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Three Thousand Pair of Men's good Yarn Stockings be furnished by the several Towns in this State, for the Use of the Soldiers, agreeable to the following Proportion, viz.

|                          | Pair. |                           | Pair. |
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| <i>Providence</i> ,      | 408   | <i>Bristol</i>            | 84    |
| <i>Warwick</i> ,         | 180   | <i>Tiverton</i> ,         | 132   |
| <i>Westerly</i> ,        | 108   | <i>Little-Compton</i> ,   | 120   |
| <i>North-Kingstown</i> , | 168   | <i>Warren</i> ,           | 36    |
| <i>South-Kingstown</i> , | 324   | <i>Cumberland</i> ,       | 84    |
| <i>East-Greenwich</i> ,  | 96    | <i>Richmond</i> ,         | 72    |
| <i>Smithfield</i> ,      | 192   | <i>Cranston</i> ,         | 132   |
| <i>Scituate</i> ,        | 144   | <i>Hopkinton</i> ,        | 96    |
| <i>Gloucester</i> ,      | 120   | <i>Johnston</i> ,         | 60    |
| <i>Charlestown</i> ,     | 84    | <i>North-Providence</i> , | 60    |
| <i>West-Greenwich</i> ,  | 72    | <i>Barrington</i> ,       | 48    |
| <i>Coventry</i> ,        | 84    |                           | —     |
| <i>Exeter</i> ,          | 96    |                           | 3000  |

**A**ND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Collectors of Taxes within the respective Towns be and they are hereby authorised, empowered and directed, to procure the aforesaid Stockings, by the best Ways and Means they can devise, either by purchasing or distraining the same: That the said Collectors be empowered to receive the said Stockings, on Account of the Taxes which they are or may be empowered to collect: That they do not give a greater or higher Price than Four Dollars for the best of Yarn Stockings, and others in Proportion: That the Whole of said Stockings be collected by the First Day of *December* next; and that as fast as they are collected they be delivered to *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier in this State: That the Collectors be allowed Five *per Cent.* Commissions for procuring the same: That the Accounts for collecting the same be laid before the Council of War, or this Assembly, for Adjustment; and that the Money for the Stockings aforesaid be paid out of the General-Treasury.

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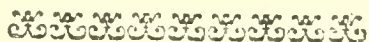
*A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any of the Towns aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to assess their Quota and Proportion of said Stockings, as is before proportioned, within the Time aforesaid, and deliver them as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay into the General-Treasury of this State, Eight Dollars for each and every Pair of Stockings for which they are delinquent, to be recovered by the General-Treasurer to and for the Use of this State, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record proper to try the same.*

*A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That Copies hereof be immediately sent to the several Town-Clerks within the Towns aforesaid, to be delivered to the said Collectors.*

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W H E R E A S the General Assembly, at their Session *P. Phillips, &c.* holden in *May* last, did empower and direct *Beriah Brown*, to receive from *Esq; High-Sheriff of the County of King's County*, to collect *Messrs. Broome and Babcock* the Monies due from the Persons who were Purchasers of the Effects of the Ships *Syren* and *Sisters*, and Schooner *Two-Mates* : And whereas *Col. Ray Sands* is possessed of a certain Agreement or Obligation made by *Messrs. Broome and Babcock*, upon their Purchase of a considerable Quantity of the Effects belonging to the said Vessels : And whereas the said *Messrs. Broome and Babcock* are willing to pay the same unto *Peter Phillips, Esq;* One of the Agents for the Captors, provided they could do the same without being guilty of a Breach of the aforesaid Act, empowering the said *Beriah Brown* to collect the Monies aforesaid : *the Monies due on the Sale of the Ship Syren, &c.*

W H E R E F O R E *Resolved*, That the said *Peter Phillips, Esq;* and *Col. Ray Sands*, or either of them, be and they are hereby empowered to receive the Monies aforesaid from the said *Messrs. Broome and Babcock* to and for the Use of the Captors, and to give a Discharge therefor. *Provided nevertheless*, If the said *Broome and Babcock* shall refuse or neglect to pay the same unto the said *Peter Phillips* or *Ray Sands*, or either of them, that this Resolve shall not be construed to be a Bar, Let, or Hindrance, from the said Sheriff's collecting the Money from them in the Way pointed out, in and by the aforesaid Act.





September, 1778.

*An ACT obliging Persons delinquent in military Duty, in the late Expedition against the Enemy upon Rhode-Island, to pay a Fine, or perform a Tour of Duty in Lieu thereof, and for punishing Persons who left the Service in said Expedition, without a proper Discharge.*

Act for punish-  
ing Delin-  
quents in the  
late Expedi-  
tion.

WHEREAS sundry Persons in the several Towns of this State, who were draughted and required, pursuant to the Resolutions of the Council of War, of the Twentieth of July, and Seventeenth of August last, to perform military Duty in the late Expedition against the Enemy upon Rhode-Island, were so destitute of public Spirit, and regardless of the Laws, Honor, and Welfare of their Country, as to neglect or refuse to serve in said Expedition, in their own proper Persons or by hiring others in their Places, at a Time when there was a fair Prospect, in Conjunction with the Fleet of his Most Christian Majesty, of expelling the Enemy from this State; and some Persons, after having joined the Corps to which they respectively belonged in said Expedition, were guilty of leaving the Service without a proper Discharge: And whereas for supporting just and equal Government, it is necessary that every Individual, liable to perform military Duty, when required thereto, should be impartially obliged to perform his equal Proportion thereof:

Colonels &c  
to transmit  
List.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Colonels or Commanding-Officers of the several Regiments of Militia, Alarm and Independent Companies in this State, who were required to serve in said Expedition, be and they are hereby directed and commanded to make a true and exact List or Return, and transmit the same to the Council of War, and also to the Hon. Major-General Sullivan, or the Commander in Chief of the American Troops within this State, on or before the First Day of October next, of the Names and Places of Abode of all Persons in their respective Regiments, who were delinquent in performing military Duty in said Expedition, and were not legally excused or discharged therefrom, and also of all such as left the Service without a proper Discharge: That thereupon all such delinquent Persons, and those who left the Service as aforesaid, so returned, shall be liable to serve a Tour of military Duty, without any Allowance of Bounty or Wages from this State, for Two Months, in one of the State's Battalions, in Lieu of the Time they ought to have served in said Expedition, unless such delinquent Person shall pay as a Fine to and for the Use of this State, into the Hands of the Colonel or Commanding-Officers of their respective Regiments

or

or Independent Companies to which they severally belong, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* inst. the Sum of Forty-five Pounds lawful Money, which Fines the said Colonels or Commanding-Officers are hereby required to pay into the General-Treasury, and make Return as aforesaid of those who shall pay the Fine. *Provided nevertheless*, That any such delinquent Persons may have the Liberty of hiring other suitable Persons to serve in their Room, during the said Term of Two Months.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That it be and it is hereby earnestly recommended to the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, or Commander in Chief as aforesaid, to take effectual Measures for bringing into the Field, and holding in Service, any such delinquent Persons for the Term of Two Months, to commence from the Time they shall arrive at the Place of Rendezvous, who shall not pay said Fine as aforesaid, or procure a suitable Person to serve in their Stead during the said Term; and that each Colonel and Commanding-Officer as aforesaid be furnished as soon as may be with a Copy hereof.

*Gen. Sullivan  
to bring delin-  
quents into the  
Field*



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Jenckes*, *Paul Allen* and *Rowse J. Helme*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier within this State; and to make Report of the same at the Session of this Assembly to be holden the last Monday of October next.

*Committee to  
audit J. Rey-  
nolds's Ac-  
counts.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; as Agent-Clothier, be and he is hereby empowered to draw Ten Thousand Pounds lawful Money, in Continental Money or Loan-Office Certificates, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Reynolds  
to draw  
£ 10,000.*

W H E R E A S Mr. *Abraham Greene* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences, in going Express to Col. *Kasson* and the Town-Council of *Coventry*, with the Order of the Council of War for warning in the Militia; for clearing the State-House in *East-Greenwich*, and for attending on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abraham Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Greene al-  
lowed £5 8 s.*

W H E R E A S

*A. Stafford* allowed £3.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Arnold Stafford* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for attending as a Waiter on this Assembly, at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Arnold Stafford*, out of the General-Treasury.

Justices of the Superior Court allowed Pay.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each of the Justices of the Superior Court be paid until further Orders from this Assembly, out of the General-Treasury, for their Services and Expences, in attending the Courts in the several Counties, the Sum of Thirty-six Shillings lawful Money, *per Day*, for every Day such Justices shall be employed in attending the said Courts, in Addition to the Fees allowed by Law; and that the said Justices be empowered to draw that Sum out of the General-Treasury, upon producing a Certificate from the Clerks of the several Courts, of the Number of Days of their Attendance as aforesaid.

Loan-Office Certificates to be exchanged.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to exchange the Continental Loan-Office Certificates in his Office for Continental Money.

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Town-Councils to take Possession of the Estates of Delinquents.

W H E R E A S it hath happened, that when the Town-Councils of several Towns in this State have hired Persons to do military Duty, in the Room of Persons who have been draughted pursuant to Acts of this Assembly, heretofore made, that such Persons, in whose Room others have been hired as aforesaid, have frequently concealed their personal Estates, so that Warrants of Distress, issued as the Law directs, cannot be believed; and as such Persons are frequently possessed of real Estates:

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Town-Councils be and they are hereby empowered to take Possession of the real Estates of such Persons, against whom Warrants are or shall be issued, and lease the same, or cut of as much Wood from the same and dispose thereof, as will be sufficient to satisfy the Money expended by the Town-Councils in hiring Persons to do Duty in their Room, unless the Persons who have been draughted and neglected to do Duty shall upon Notice thereof otherwise discharge the same; and that the Presidents of the several Town-Councils be furnished as soon as may be with Copies hereof.

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W H E R E A S



W H E R E A S this Assembly, at their Session held at *Pro-* *B. Brown* to receive the Accounts, &c. of the Ship *Syren* *&c.*  
*vidence* in May last, passed an Act empowering *Beriah* *Brown*, of *North-Kingstown*, in the County of *King's County*, Esquire, to collect the Monies due from the several Persons who purchased any of the Effects belonging to the Prize-Ship *Syren*, Ship *Sisters*, and Schooner *Two-Mates*, lately captured near *Point-Judith*, in this State : And whereas there are several Persons who have had Knowledge of sundry private Sales being made of some of the Effects belonging to said Prize-Ships, &c. and have got Minutes and Accounts thereof, who refuse to deliver the same to the said *Beriah Brown*, to enable him to collect and settle the same with such Purchasers :

*B E* it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the said *Beriah Brown* be and he is hereby further empowered to ask, demand, and receive of and from every Person or Persons, all such Minutes and Accounts of Sales that he or they have had, or have been intrusted with, or have any Knowledge of ; and also to ask for, demand, and receive of and from any Person or Persons, all Obligations, Securities and Agreements, entered into, made, given, or passed between the Purchasers of any of said Effects, belonging to said Prizes, and any of the Captors thereof, (excepting the Contract of Messrs. *Broom* and *Babcock* in the Hands of Col. *Sands*) and cause all such Persons that have any such Obligations, Securities or Agreements, or that have any Minutes or Accounts of any Sales made of the Effects belonging to the said Prizes, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, to render unto him a true and just Account thereof, and of what Knowledge he or they have respecting the same under Oath, to be administered unto him or them for that Purpose by the said *Beriah Brown*, or any one Justice of the Peace in the County where such Persons who have any such Obligations, Securities, Agreements, or Accounts of Sales, resides or belongs.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person whosoever shall refuse or neglect to deliver up all such Obligations, Securities, Agreements, Minutes, and Accounts of Sales under Oath, unto the said *Beriah Brown*, after he shall demand the same, or shall refuse to declare under Oath their Knowledge respecting the same, that in that Case it shall be lawful for the said *Beriah Brown*, and he is hereby commanded to pray out a Warrant, under the Hand and Seal of any one of the Justices of the Superior or Inferior Courts, or any of the Justices of Peace in the Counties where he or they reside or belong, and cause them to be committed to such County Gaol, and there to remain, on their own Cost and Ex-

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pence, until they shall deliver up to the said *Beriah Brown* all such Obligations, Securities, Agreements, Minutes, and Accounts of Sales under Oath, as aforesaid; and shall declare under Oath their Knowledge respecting the same as aforesaid.

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*R. Fry* allowed 20 Dollars. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Richard Fry*, Esq; Sheriff for the County of *Kent*, be allowed Twenty Dollars for his past Services in his said Office.

*J. Bowen* allowed £15 15s. WHEREAS the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences in attending as a Member of the Council of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jabez Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury.

Assembly to be held in *October* next, to convene at *South-Kingstown*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Assembly, which is by Law to be held on the last *Wednesday* of *October* next, convene at the State-House in *South-Kingstown* on the last *Monday* of *October* next, for the Dispatch of Business; any Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and in Thirty send Copies to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be adjourned to the last *Saturday* of *October* next, then to meet, if called, at *South-Kingstown*; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and the same is hereby dissolved.

G O D save the *United States* of *AMERICA*.

A true C O P Y, duly examined:

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*





October, 1778.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of  
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of  
the STATE of *Rhode-Island*  
and *Providence Plantations*, begun  
and holden at *South-Kingstown*,  
within and for the State aforesaid,  
on *Monday* the Twenty-sixth Day  
of *October*, in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esq;  
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

*JABEZ BOWEN*, Esquire,  
DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

*JOHN TANNER*, Esq;

*CHRISTOPHER ELLERY*, Esq;

*JONATHAN ARNOLD*, Esq;

*GIDEON COMSTOCK*, Esq;

*JOB RANDALL*, Esq;

*PETER PHILLIPS*, Esq;

*PARDON GRAY*, Esq;

*WILLIAM MUMFORD*, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

} Assistants.

DEPUTIES



## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

Thomas Rumreil, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Lemuel Wyatt,  
*Mr.* Robert Stevens, *jun.*  
 Benjamin Almy, *Esq*;

## PROVIDENCE:

*Mr.* John Brown,  
 Theodore Foster, *Esq*;  
 Welcome Arnold, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Greene, *Esq*;

## PORTSMOUTH:

NONE.

## WARWICK:

Othniel Gorton, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Thomas Holden,  
 Adam Comstock, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Low.

## WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, *Esq*;  
 Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

NONE.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*;  
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq*;

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Samuel Babcock, *Esq*;  
 Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;

## EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*;

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt.* Samuel Carr.

## SMITHFIELD:

Daniel Mowry, *Esq*;  
 Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;

## SCITUATE:

William West, *Esq*;  
 Christopher Potter, *Esq*;

## GLOUCESTER:

*Mr.* Caleb Arnold.

## CHARLESTOWN:

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq*;  
 Jonathan J. Halzard, *Esq*;

## WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Samuel Hopkins, *jun.*

## COVENTRY:

Stephen Potter, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* David Bucklin.

## EXETER:

John Chapman, *Esq*;  
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*;

## MIDDLETOWN:

NONE.

## BRISTOL:

William Bradford, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Benjamin Bourn.

## TIVERTON:

*Mr.* William Durfey.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

William Richmond, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Zebedee Grinnel.

## WARREN:

*Mr.* Cromel Child.

## CUMBERLAND:

James Lovett, *Esq*;

## RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*;

## CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Peter Burlingame.

## HOPKINTON:

*Mr.* Edward Wells,  
*Mr.* Thomas Cotterell.

## JOHNSTON:

*Mr.* John Smith,  
 Caleb Harris, *Esq*;

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Esek Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 John Jenckes, *Esq*;

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr.* Samuel Allen.

*The Hon.* STEPHEN POTTER,  
*Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and  
 WILLIAM CHANNING,  
*Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

**W**HEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Ac- State of 7.  
counts, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account *Northup's Ac-*  
of *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, count.  
together with his Report thereon, which are as follow, viz.

*John Northup*, Esq; One of the Committee of Safety, to the  
State of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1778.

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| Oct. 27. To Cash you received of <i>Walter Channing</i> , Paymaster to Col. <i>Crary's</i> Regiment, for the Payment of Capt. <i>John Carr's</i> Abstract, Dec. Jan. Feb. and to 15th March, | } | £ 462 0 0  |
| To Ditto of Ditto for Capt. <i>James Parker's</i> Abstract for Ditto,                                                                                                                        |   |            |
| To Ditto of <i>Gabriel Allen</i> , Paymaster to Col. <i>Topham's</i> Regiment, for Payment of Three Companies, to wit :                                                                      | } | 250 4 8    |
| <i>Benjamin West's</i> Company, 3½ Months,                                                                                                                                                   |   |            |
| <i>Samuel Phillips's</i> , Ditto,                                                                                                                                                            | } | £ 451 10 0 |
| <i>Charles Dyre's</i> , Ditto,                                                                                                                                                               |   |            |
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| To Cash of Col. <i>Charles Dyre</i> , being the Sum he received of <i>Benjamin Stelle</i> , Continental Paymaster, for the Payment of Wages for his Regiment,                                | } | 871 0 2    |
| To Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, as per Certificate,                                                                                                                           |   |            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              |   | 2450 14 6  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              |   | £ 5218 2 8 |
| Balance due to <i>John Northup</i> ,                                                                                                                                                         |   | 245 1 4    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              |   | £ 5463 4 0 |
| 1778. Creditor.                                                                                                                                                                              |   |            |
| Oct. 27. By Amount of your Account,                                                                                                                                                          | } | £ 5409 2 3 |
| By Commissions, at 1 per Cent.                                                                                                                                                               |   |            |
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Errors excepted,

Per *JOHN NORTHUP*.

Oct. 27, 1778. Examined the foregoing Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and find the Balance Two Hundred and Forty-five Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence, due to *John Northup*.

*NATHANIEL MUMFORD*, Auditor.  
AND

October, 1778.

*J. Northup* allowed £ 245  
1 s. 4 d.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance of the above Account, being Two Hundred and Forty-five Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Northup*, out of the General-Treasury

*W. Bagley* allowed £ 43  
15 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Bagley* laid before this Assembly, an Account of sundry Supplies, by him delivered out to the Families of Officers and Soldiers in the Town of *North-Providence*: And the said Account having been duly examined by the Auditor of Accounts, who reported a Balance of Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Twopence lawful Money, due thereon: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Sum be paid unto the said *William Bagley*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. White's* Petition granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *William White*, of *Hopkinton*, in the County of *King's County*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That he hath been and still is a Well-wisher and zealous Friend to his Country, and always willing to do every Thing in his Power for the Good of the same, but by Reason of Sickness hath been prevented the Opportunity of signing the Test; and thereupon prayed this Assembly, as he hath in some Measure recovered his Health, to permit him to sign the same, before the Town-Council of the said Town of *Hopkinton*:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted: *Provided*, The said *William White* hath, in the Judgment of the said Town-Council, conducted himself as a Friend to the Liberties of *America*.

*T. Foster* allowed £ 16 18 s.  
8 d.

WHEREAS *Theodore Foster*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *Rhode-Island*, to confer with General *Sullivan* respecting calling forth the Militia (by Order of the Council of War) and also for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to at and from *Boston*, to make Application to the Council of that State for Assistance, by Order of the Council of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof being Sixteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eightpence lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Theodore Foster*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

W H E R E A S Mr. *Paul Allen* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as one of the Committee for counting and burning the lawful Money Bills of this State received into the General-Treasury: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings lawful Money, Part of the said Account, be paid unto the said *Paul Allen*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction thereof. *P. Allen allowed £ 23 15<sup>s</sup>.*

W H E R E A S Mr. *John Updike* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as one of the Committee for counting and burning the lawful Money Bills received into the General-Treasury: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds lawful Money, Part of the said Account, be paid unto the said *John Updike*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction thereon. *J. Updike allowed £ 21.*

W H E R E A S *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire in attending as a Member of the Council of War; and for his Time, Expences, and Travel to *Providence*, as one of the Committee appointed to settle *John Reynolds's* Account: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Fifty-seven Pounds Five Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Rowse J. Helme*, out of the General-Treasury, *R. J. Helme allowed £ 57 5<sup>s</sup>.*

W H E R E A S *John Northup*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire in attending as a Member of the Council of War; and for his Time, Expences, and Horse-hire to *Providence*, as one of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Northup*, out of the General-Treasury. *J. Northup allowed £ 34 17<sup>s</sup>.*

W H E R E A S Messrs. *John Updike* and *Paul Allen* laid before this Assembly the following Report, viz. *Report of the Committee appointed to burn the Money.*

W E the Subscribers, together with the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, a Committee to receive of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, the lawful Money Bills emitted by this

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State, and burn the same, do report, That we have received, carefully counted and burnt of the several Emissions, the following Sums, viz.

BILLS emitted *January 15, 1776.* Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Threepence.

BILLS emitted *Nov. 6, 1775.* Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Fivepence.

BILLS emitted *March 18, 1776.* Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Forty-two Pounds Nine Shillings and Ninepence.

BILLS emitted *September 5, 1776.* Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings.

BILLS emitted *May 3, 1775.* Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-six Pounds Six Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny: Interest thereon, One Hundred Twenty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sevenpence.

BILLS emitted *June 16, 1775.* Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Pounds and Sixpence: Interest thereon, Fifty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence.

BILLS emitted *June 29, 1775.* Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-nine Pounds and One Penny: Interest thereon, Forty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny.

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| <i>January 15, 1776,</i>   | £ 24459  | 7  | 3               |
| <i>November 6, 1775,</i>   | 9683     | 19 | 5               |
| <i>March 18, 1776,</i>     | 12542    | 9  | 9               |
| <i>September 5, 1776,</i>  | 13825    | 17 | 0               |
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|                            | £ 60511  | 13 | 5               |
| <i>May 3, 1775, £ 6196</i> | 6        | 4  | $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| <i>Interest thereon,</i>   | 122      | 12 | 7               |
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|                            | 6318     | 18 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <i>June 16, 1775, 3312</i> | 0        | 6  |                 |
| <i>Interest thereon,</i>   | 55       | 8  | 7               |
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|                            | 3367     | 9  | 1               |
| <i>June 29, 1775, 2949</i> | 0        | 1  |                 |
| <i>Interest thereon,</i>   | 46       | 13 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ |
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|                            | 2995     | 13 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ |
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|                            | £ 73,193 | 15 | 5               |

JOHN UPDIKE,  
PAUL ALLEN.

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup, Caleb Harris* and *Theodore Foster*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to adjust the Account of *Henry Ward*, Esq; with this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be. Committee to audit H. Ward's Account.

WHEREAS *Fisberman*, a Negro Man-Slave, the Property of *William Allen*, was enlisted by Capt. *Elijah Lewis*, into the Regiment under the Command of Col. *Greene*, agreeable to a Resolution of this Assembly; and the said *Fisberman*, before he was mustered and valued, deserted to the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, whereby the said *William* hath been prevented from obtaining a Certificate of the Value of the said Slave, and a Note for the Payment thereof: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Allen* be allowed One Hundred and Twenty Pounds lawful Money, for the said Negro Man-Slave: That the General-Treasurer give his promissory Note for the Payment of the same, agreeable to the said Resolution; and that the said Negro Man, if he should again come into the Possession of this State, be at the Disposal of this Assembly. W. Allen allowed Pay for his Slave.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Tafft*, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *Richmond*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Board and Nursing of *Sarah Jones*, a Pauper belonging to the Town of *Newport*, and for removing her to *David Potter's* House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Nineteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings lawful Money, Part of the said Account, be paid unto the said *William Tafft*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction thereof. W. Tafft allowed £ 19 16 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *David Potter*, another of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *Richmond*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding and nursing the aforesaid *Sarah Jones*, and for Tow-Cloth, and other Things supplied her: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty-two Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, Part of the said Account, be paid unto the said *David Potter*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction thereof. D. Potter allowed £ 32 8 s.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to make Enquiry into the Money due from Mr. *John Smith*, laid before this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit: Committee respecting the Money due from J. Smith.

" A G R E E A B L E

October, 1778.

“AGREEABLE to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly, we have made Examination of the Books and Papers of the General-Treasurer's Office, respecting a Sum of Money that was not accounted for in the last Settlement of his Account, amounting to Nineteen Hundred and Sixty Pounds; and after having made the strictest Enquiry in our Power we find, that on the Twenty-second Day of March, 1777, Mr. *John Smith* had an Order of the Council of War on the Treasurer for Two Thousand Pounds; and the same Day there was endorsed on said Order, Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds: The remaining Sum of the Order does not appear to be settled at that Time, which we suppose makes a Part of the deficient Sum. We also find that Mr. *Smith* at the same Time received in Notes out of the Treasury the Sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds, which we cannot find any Way accounted for, unless it be by the remaining Part of that deficient Sum.

“ALL the Orders that Mr. *Smith* had on the Treasury appear to be properly endorsed and charged, except the One abovementioned; and all the Notes of that Emission appear clearly accounted for, except that Number paid to Mr. *Smith* at that Time.

“UPON the Whole, having heard the Parties fully, we are of Opinion clearly, that Mr. *Smith* received the above Sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds in Notes; and it does not appear that he has accounted for any more than Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds of that Sum.

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| JOHN JENCKES,      | } Committee. |
| NATHANIEL MUMFORD, |              |
| PAUL ALLEN,        |              |
| GIDEON COMSTOCK,   |              |
| JOHN NORTHUP,      |              |

Providence, Sept. 17, 1778.

State of Rhode-Island, &c. to the aforesaid Committee, Dr.

|                                       |   |         |         |
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| To John Jenckes, 1 Day in June, 1778, | } | £ 1 4 0 |         |
| To Ditto, 1½ Day in September,        |   |         |         |
|                                       |   | <hr/>   | £ 3 9 0 |
| To Paul Allen, 1 Day in June,         |   | 1 4 0   |         |
| To Ditto, 1½ Day in September,        |   | 2 5 0   |         |
|                                       |   | <hr/>   | 3 9 0   |
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| To John Northup, 3 Days September,                | £ 3 12 0  |
| To Cash for Horse-hire,                           | 1 7 0     |
| To Ditto for John Fry's Bill for Expences,        | 4 4 0     |
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|                                                   | £ 9 3 0   |
| To Gideon Comstock for 1½ Day including Expences, | 2 14 0    |
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|                                                   | £ 18 15 0 |

A N D the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted* J. Jenckes at-  
*and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and *lowed* £ 3 9s.  
that Eighteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings lawful Money, being *P. Allen* £ 3 9s.  
the Amount of the above Account, be allowed ; and that the *J. Northup* £ 9  
same be paid to the abovenamed *John Jenckes, Paul Allen, Comstock* £ 2  
*John Northup* and *Gideon Comstock*, agreeable to the said Ac- *14s.*  
count, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S the Committee who were appointed to Report of the  
adjust the Accounts of *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer, Committee  
laid before this Assembly a State of his Account, together upon the Ge-  
with their Report thereon, which are as follow; *to wit :* neral-Treasur-  
er's Accounts.

Dr. State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account Current with *Joseph*  
*Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer.

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| To the Proportion of the Five Towns<br>in the County of <i>Newport</i> of the Tax<br>of <i>March 26, 1777,</i> | - -         | £ 3342 2 9   |
| To Ditto of Tax <i>August, 1777,</i>                                                                           |             | 6684 5 6     |
| To Ditto of Tax <i>December, 1777,</i>                                                                         |             | 10026 7 9    |
| To Ditto of Tax <i>February, 1778,</i>                                                                         |             | 6684 5 6     |
| To Ditto of Tax <i>June, 1778,</i>                                                                             |             | 6684 5 6     |
| To Amount lawful Money Bills delivered<br>Committee and burnt <i>January, 1776,</i>                            |             | 24459 7 3    |
| To Ditto <i>March, 1776,</i>                                                                                   | £ 12542 9 9 |              |
| To Ditto <i>November, 1775,</i>                                                                                | 9683 19 5   |              |
| To Ditto <i>September, 1776,</i>                                                                               | 13825 17 0  |              |
|                                                                                                                | <hr/>       | 36052 6 2    |
| To Ditto <i>May, 1775,</i>                                                                                     | 6196 6 4½   |              |
| Interest thereon,                                                                                              | 122 12 7    |              |
|                                                                                                                | <hr/>       | 6318 18 11½  |
| To Ditto <i>June 16, 1775,</i>                                                                                 | 3312 0 6    |              |
| Interest thereon,                                                                                              | 55 8 7      |              |
|                                                                                                                | <hr/>       | 3367 9 1     |
| To Ditto <i>June 29, 1775,</i>                                                                                 | 2949 0 1    |              |
| Interest thereon,                                                                                              | 46 13 10½   |              |
|                                                                                                                | <hr/>       | 2995 13 11½  |
| To Amount of Charges contained in my<br>Alphabetical Book,                                                     |             | 132177 19 0½ |
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| To Amount of Bounty paid on Salt,                                                                                                                                                                  | £ | 940   | 9  | 11½ |
| To Amount of sundry small Charges,                                                                                                                                                                 |   | 9     | 0  | 0   |
| To Amount of Cash paid                                                                                                                                                                             |   |       |    |     |
| <i>John Smith,</i> - - -                                                                                                                                                                           | £ | 23900 | 0  | 0   |
| To Ditto paid <i>Daniel Til-</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |   |       |    |     |
| <i>linghaft,</i> - - -                                                                                                                                                                             |   | 11190 | 0  | 0   |
| To Ditto paid <i>John Cook,</i>                                                                                                                                                                    |   | 5600  | 0  | 0   |
| To Ditto paid <i>Hon. William</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |   |       |    |     |
| <i>Bradford,</i> - - -                                                                                                                                                                             |   | 7400  | 0  | 0   |
| To Ditto paid <i>John Northup,</i>                                                                                                                                                                 |   | 14410 | 14 | 6   |
| To Ditto paid <i>Stephen</i>                                                                                                                                                                       |   |       |    |     |
| <i>Mumford,</i> - - -                                                                                                                                                                              |   | 10000 | 0  | 0   |
| To Ditto paid <i>James Congdon,</i>                                                                                                                                                                |   | 8875  | 0  | 0   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |       |    |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | 81375 | 14 | 6   |
| To Ditto paid sundry Persons in the several<br>Towns of this State, their Proportion of<br>Money to pay the Bounties of the Men<br>inlisted in the Nine Months Brigade,<br><i>May, 1778,</i> - - - |   | 16780 | 0  | 0   |
| To Amount of Cash paid <i>Walter Channing,</i><br>Paymaster to Col. <i>Crary's</i> Regiment, -                                                                                                     |   | 5200  | 0  | 0   |
| To Amount Ditto paid <i>Joseph West,</i> Pay-<br>master to Col. <i>Elliott's</i> Regiment, -                                                                                                       |   | 6600  | 0  | 0   |
| To Amount Ditto paid <i>Henry Ward, Esq;</i><br>from <i>June 20, 1777,</i> to <i>October 19, 1778,</i>                                                                                             |   | 814   | 14 | 4   |
| To Deduction of Tax in <i>December, 1777,</i><br>of <i>Providence, Bristol and Greenwich,</i>                                                                                                      |   | 858   | 0  | 0   |
| To Deduction of Ditto in <i>February, 1778,</i><br>for Ditto, - - -                                                                                                                                |   | 950   | 16 | 0   |
| To Deduction of Ditto in <i>June, 1778,</i> for<br>Ditto, - - -                                                                                                                                    |   | 1026  | 12 | 0   |
| To Cash paid Interest to several Towns on<br>Taxes, <i>March 1777,</i> - - -                                                                                                                       |   | 4     | 13 | 3   |
| To Ditto paid Interest to Ditto on Tax,<br><i>February, 1778,</i> - - -                                                                                                                            |   | 0     | 18 | 6   |
| To Ditto paid Interest to Ditto on Tax,<br><i>June, 1778,</i> - - -                                                                                                                                |   | 1     | 12 | 5   |
| To Ditto paid <i>Lodowick Updike,</i> for a Negro<br>inlisted into the Service, with Interest,                                                                                                     |   | 94    | 4  | 7   |
| To Ditto paid <i>Benjamin Remington,</i> for Ditto,                                                                                                                                                |   | 120   | 0  | 0   |
| To Cash paid for redeeming Thirty-seven<br>Notes, given for Old Tenor,                                                                                                                             |   | 347   | 14 | 0   |
| To Ditto for One Note given <i>May, 1778,</i><br>Principal and Interest, £                                                                                                                         |   | 45    | 13 | 3½  |
| To Ditto <i>April, 1767,</i>                                                                                                                                                                       |   | 7     | 2  | 1½  |
| To Ditto <i>March, 1768,</i>                                                                                                                                                                       |   | 9     | 7  | 3½  |
| To Ditto <i>May, 1760,</i>                                                                                                                                                                         |   | 57    | 0  | 1½  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | 119   | 2  | 10½ |
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To Ditto paid *Gabriel Allen*, Paymaster to  
Col. *Topham's* Regiment,

£ 6260 0 0

£ 360296 13 10½

To Balance due to the State in lawful Money,

98197 12 0

£ 458494 5 10

To Balance due to the State  
in Old Tenor,

£ 2556 5

Creditor.

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| By Balance of last Account as settled,                                                                                              | £ 49077 | 3  | 1  |
| By Amount of Tax, <i>March</i> , 1777,                                                                                              | 16000   | 0  | 0  |
| By Amount of Tax, <i>August</i> , 1777,                                                                                             | 32000   | 0  | 0  |
| By Amount of Ditto, <i>December</i> , 1777,                                                                                         | 48000   | 0  | 0  |
| By Amount of Ditto, <i>February</i> , 1778,                                                                                         | 32000   | 0  | 0  |
| By Amount of Ditto, <i>June</i> , 1778,                                                                                             | 32000   | 0  | 0  |
| By Interest received on Tax, <i>March</i> , 1777,                                                                                   | 36      | 18 | 6½ |
| By Ditto, <i>August</i> , 1777,                                                                                                     | 42      | 2  | 2½ |
| By Ditto, <i>December</i> , 1777,                                                                                                   | 122     | 16 | 6  |
| By Ditto, <i>February</i> , 1778,                                                                                                   | 96      | 12 | 5  |
| By Amount of 1716 Notes, issued for Money<br>delivered the Committee and burnt,                                                     | 39136   | 1  | 11 |
| By Cash of <i>John Jenckes</i> for Two Fuzees,                                                                                      | 12      | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Welcome Arnold</i> in Return for<br>the same he received of Treasury, -                                              | 1500    | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> for One Fuzee,                                                                                      | 6       | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Daniel Mowry</i> , jun. for Stock sold,                                                                              | 50      | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>David Hoell</i> for a Chaise,                                                                                        | 49      | 6  | 6  |
| By Ditto <i>John Jenckes</i> for Two Fuzees,                                                                                        | 12      | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto <i>Gideon Simmons</i> ,                                                                                                    | 8       | 8  | 9  |
| By Ditto of <i>Joseph Stanton</i> , jun. for <i>Charlestown's</i><br>Proportion of Salt, -                                          | 79      | 5  | 6  |
| By Ditto <i>Westerly's</i> Proportion Ditto,                                                                                        | 79      | 10 | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Edward Gorton</i> , a Deputy-Sheriff,<br>in full of an Execution against <i>William Sweet</i> ,                      | 52      | 10 | 7  |
| By Ditto of <i>Hopkins Cook</i> for Salt,                                                                                           | 413     | 16 | 10 |
| By Ditto of <i>Immanuel Case</i> , Balance in his<br>Hands on Account of Bounties for inlisting<br>in the Continental Battalions, - | 744     | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Joseph Olney</i> , Balance in his Hands<br>for inlisting in Battalions <i>North-Providence</i> ,                     | 220     | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto <i>Thomas Well's</i> , on Account Bounties,                                                                                | 900     | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto <i>James Arnold</i> , Ditto,                                                                                               | 166     | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto <i>Nehemiah Knight</i> , Ditto,                                                                                            | 909     | 0  | 0  |
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| By Ditto <i>Griffin Greene</i> , in Return for that Sum he received out of the Treasury,                                    | £ 300 | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto <i>Charles Holden</i> , for Teams he sold at <i>Pecks-Kill</i> ,                                                   | 300   | 12 | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Beriah Brown</i> , for the Old Court-House sold at <i>South-Kingstown</i> ,                                  | 78    | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>John Northup</i> on Account of Salt,                                                                         | 590   | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Benjamin Davis</i> , Town-Treasurer of <i>North-Kingstown</i> , for Flour and Iron,                          | 55    | 5  | 4  |
| By Ditto of <i>John Northup</i> for Steel,                                                                                  | 8     | 11 | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Rufus Waterman</i> , Balance his Account Saltpetre,                                                          | 77    | 3  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Edward Fenner</i> , Balance Money he received for Bounties out of Treasury,                                  | 18    | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> on Account of Cheese sold for the State,                                               | 80    | 2  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Perez Richmond</i> on Account Bounties,                                                                      | 169   | 14 | 0  |
| By Ditto on Account of Fire-Arms for <i>Little-Compton</i> ,                                                                | 33    | 13 | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Joseph Lawrence</i> on Account Fuzes,                                                                        | 240   | 0  | 0  |
| By Cash paid by <i>Benjamin Bosworth</i> in full for <i>Bristol's</i> Proportion of Salt,                                   | 16    | 1  | 0  |
| By Ditto 12C. 3q. 14lb. Flour, <i>Bristol's</i> Proportion, at 30s. per Cwt.                                                | 19    | 6  | 3  |
| By Ditto 2C. 1q. 15lb. Bar Iron, Ditto, at 70s.                                                                             | 8     | 16 | 11 |
| By Ditto of <i>Edward Perry</i> , being the Balance of his Account with the State, Bounty of Fifteen Months Men,            | 249   | 3  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Robert Stanton</i> , the Balance of Flour and Iron,                                                          | 15    | 14 | 2  |
| By Ditto of <i>William Turner Miller</i> , the Balance his Account,                                                         | 0     | 11 | 5  |
| By Ditto of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , the Balance his Account while Commander of the Minute-Men,                                | 28    | 2  | 5  |
| By Ditto of <i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq; being the same Sum he received of Major-General <i>Spencer</i> , October 26, 1777, | 1000  | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of Ditto, being in full of an Order of Council paid <i>Samuel Fox</i> ,                                            | 557   | 10 | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>John Chapman</i> , Esq; on Account of <i>Exeter</i> , for enlisting Continental Soldiers,                    | 363   | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Nehemiah Knight</i> for <i>Cranston</i> , Ditto,                                                             | 21    | 2  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Caleb Harris</i> for <i>Johnston</i> , Ditto,                                                                | 10    | 16 | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; for Rent of the Farm late Dr. <i>Moffatt's</i> due the 25th March last,              | 30    | 0  | 0  |
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| By Ditto of <i>Joseph Brown</i> , for the Town of <i>Warwick's</i> Proportion of Iron and Flour, £                                                                              | 61    | 7  | 4  |
| By Ditto <i>Cromel</i> and <i>Sylvester Child</i> , being the Balance the Rents due from <i>Nathan Pearce</i> , up to <i>March 25, 1777</i> , -                                 | 98    | 14 | 6  |
| By Ditto of <i>Sylvester Child</i> , being the Balance of his Account for purchasing Salt, and delivering out on the State's Account, - - -                                     | 66    | 14 | 8  |
| By Ditto of <i>Joseph Brown</i> , in Part of what is due from him on Account of his inlisting Men into the Continental Service,                                                 | 481   | 10 | 0  |
| By Ditto of Major <i>Thomas Tillinghast</i> , in Part of Monies received for inlisting Men in the Continental Service, <i>East-Greenwich</i> ,                                  | 567   | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of Ditto, <i>per</i> Order of Council of War, - - -                                                                                                                    | 300   | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>William Turner Miller</i> , the Balance his Account, - -                                                                                                         | 0     | 1  | 6  |
| By Ditto of <i>Thomas Wells</i> , Esq; by the Hands of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq; -                                                                                              | 27    | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Brown</i> , the Balance his Account, - - -                                                                                                             | 18    | 3  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Heath</i> , on Account Fifteen Months Battalions, <i>Barrington</i> ,                                                                                  | 34    | 10 | 0  |
| By Ditto of Col. <i>Chad Brown</i> , in Part of the Sum he was ordered to pay by the Council of War, on Account of inlisting Men in Continental Battalions, <i>Gloucester</i> , | 408   | 6  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Zebedee Hopkins</i> , jun. on Account of Fifteen Months Battalions, <i>Gloucester</i> , - - -                                                                    | 366   | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto Col. <i>Chad Brown</i> in full, -                                                                                                                                      | 207   | 14 | 0  |
| By Ditto Major <i>Sylvester Gardner</i> , returned for inlisting Continental Battalions, 1777. } By 190,000 Dollars received of                                                 | 429   | 0  | 0  |
| Nov. 28. } Governor <i>Cooke</i> , an Order of Congress on Loan-Office,                                                                                                         | 57000 | 0  | 0  |
| Nov. 29. By Ditto of <i>Henry Ward</i> , Esq; it being so much received on Account of <i>Metcalf Bowler</i> , Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, - -                          | 806   | 11 | 0  |
| 1778. } By Ditto of <i>Benjamin Hoppen</i> , on                                                                                                                                 |       |    |    |
| Jan. 24. } Account of <i>Gabriel Allen</i> ,                                                                                                                                    | 21    | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Peter Burlingame</i> , for Flour and Iron, Town of <i>Cranston</i> , -                                                                                           | 37    | 5  | 7  |
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| By Ditto of Col. <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> , being<br>Money lent him by the State, -                                                                                                 | £ 2000 | 0  | 0  |
| <i>Feb. 2.</i> By Ditto of <i>George Dyre</i> , in Part<br>of Money he was ordered to pay into the<br>General-Treasury, <i>January 2, 1778</i> ,                                     | 15     | 0  | 0  |
| <i>Feb. 4.</i> By Ditto of <i>Capt. Joseph Kimball</i> ;<br><i>Scituate's</i> Proportion of Flour and Iron,                                                                          | 46     | 5  | 0  |
| <i>Feb. 6.</i> By Ditto of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , the<br>Balance of Money received for <i>North-</i><br><i>Providence</i> inlisting Men, -                                            | 156    | 10 | 0  |
| By Ditto of Ditto, the Balance of <i>North-</i><br><i>Providence</i> Flour and Iron, -                                                                                               | 19     | 17 | 9  |
| <i>Feb. 23.</i> By Ditto of <i>Gabriel Allen</i> , the<br>Balance of his Account, -                                                                                                  | 28     | 6  | 6  |
| <i>March 7.</i> By Ditto of <i>James Arnold</i> , for<br><i>Providence</i> Proportion of Flour and Iron,                                                                             | 133    | 2  | 10 |
| <i>March 21.</i> By Ditto of <i>Nathan Carpenter</i> ,<br>the Balance of Money received for inlist-<br>ing Fifteen Months Men, -                                                     | 1      | 11 | 3  |
| <i>April 3.</i> By Ditto of <i>Benjamin Tillinghast</i> ,<br>in Part of the Balance his Account for<br>inlisting Men into the Fifteen Months<br>Battalions <i>West-Greenwich</i> , - | 499    | 16 | 8  |
| <i>April 7.</i> By Ditto of <i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq;<br>the Money received out of the Treasury,<br><i>December 10, 1777</i> , - -                                                | 2000   | 0  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>Capt. Asa Waterman</i> for £ 300,<br><i>October 15</i> , and £ 850, <i>December 24th</i> past,                                                                        | 1150   | 0  | 0  |
| <i>April 9.</i> By Ditto of <i>Thomas Greene</i> , Esq;<br>the Sum of £ 1500, the same he received,                                                                                  | 1500   | 0  | 0  |
| <i>April 12.</i> By Ditto of <i>Major Ephraim</i><br><i>Bowen</i> , the Sum he borrowed of the State,                                                                                | 300    | 0  | 0  |
| <i>April 15.</i> By Ditto of <i>Joseph West</i> , Pay-<br>master to Col. <i>Elliott's</i> Regiment, by the<br>Balance due from fundry Officers of<br>Third Instant, - -              | 1786   | 14 | 0  |
| <i>April 16.</i> By Ditto <i>Jeremiah Angell</i> of<br><i>Scituate</i> , - - -                                                                                                       | 45     | 0  | 0  |
| <i>April 18.</i> By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> ,<br>the Balance of his Account with the State,                                                                                 | 595    | 17 | 2  |
| By Ditto of <i>Samuel Stevens</i> , by the Hands of<br><i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , -                                                                                                  | 9      | 1  | 8  |
| By Ditto of <i>William Whipple</i> , by the Hands<br>of Ditto, -                                                                                                                     | 28     | 7  | 0  |
| By Ditto of <i>James Babcock</i> , by the Hands<br>of Ditto, - - -                                                                                                                   | 29     | 18 | 0  |
| <i>April 28.</i>                                                                                                                                                                     |        |    |    |

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| <i>April 28.</i> By Ditto of <i>Griffin Greene</i> , the<br>Balance of his Account due to the State,                                                                       | £ 115           | 0  | 8               |
| <i>May 2.</i> By Ditto of <i>Martin Seamans</i> , for<br><i>John Raymond's Fine</i> , - -                                                                                  | 10              | 0  | 0               |
| <i>May 9.</i> By Ditto of <i>John Larkin</i> , for the<br>Sale of a Horse, - -                                                                                             | 6               | 8  | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| By Ditto of <i>Beriah Brown</i> , it being Money<br>received by him on the Sale of the Estate<br>of <i>Charles Slocum</i> , deceased, -                                    | 420             | 15 | 0               |
| <i>May 10.</i> By Ditto of <i>John Larkin</i> , the<br>Balance for Fire-Arms, -                                                                                            | 2               | 2  | 2               |
| <i>May 16.</i> By Ditto of <i>John Collins</i> , Esq;<br>being Money brought from Congress,<br>149,280 Dollars, - -                                                        | 44784           | 0  | 0               |
| <i>May 19.</i> By Cash paid by the Honorable<br><i>William Bradford</i> , in Part for Rents,                                                                               | 182             | 8  | 9               |
| <i>May 20.</i> By Ditto of <i>James Lovett</i> , Esq;<br>late Deputy Quarter-Master-General, for<br>Money received out of the General-<br>Treasury, - - -                  | 3000            | 0  | 0               |
| <i>May 23.</i> By Ditto of <i>Uriah Alverfon</i> , on<br>Account of inlisting Men in the Fifteen<br>Months Battalions in the Town of <i>Smith-</i><br><i>field</i> , - - - | 285             | 0  | 0               |
| <i>May 28.</i> By Ditto of the Honorable <i>Jabez</i><br><i>Bowen</i> , Esq; by Virtue of a Warrant<br>from the Continental Congress for<br>150,000 Dollars, - -           | 45000           | 0  | 0               |
| <i>June 4.</i> By Ditto of <i>John Collins</i> , the Ba-<br>lance due from him, - -                                                                                        | 14              | 15 | 9               |
| <i>June 13.</i> By Ditto of <i>John King</i> , Money<br>to hire Two Men to go on <i>Rhode-Island</i> ,<br>and did not go, - -                                              | 18              | 0  | 0               |
| <i>June 16.</i> By Ditto of <i>Thomas Sabin</i> , as a<br>Surplus of Money he received to buy<br>Horses for the State, - -                                                 | 106             | 16 | 0               |
| <i>June 17.</i> By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> ,<br>being the Balance of Capt. <i>William</i><br><i>Collins's</i> Account, - -                                       | 18              | 19 | 8               |
| By Ditto of <i>Charles Holden</i> , Esq; the<br>Balance of his Account as Storekeeper,                                                                                     | 1386            | 12 | 5               |
| By Ditto of Ditto, being Part of Money<br>received to pay Bounties of Men in the<br>Continental Battalions, -                                                              | 300             | 0  | 0               |
| <i>June 23.</i> By Ditto of <i>Asa Waterman</i> , by<br>the Hands of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , for<br>Potatoes sold belonging to the State,                               | 52              | 10 | 0               |
|                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>June 29.</i> |    |                 |

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| June 29. By Ditto of <i>Isaac Manchester</i> , by the Hands of <i>William Cook</i> , for 2C. 1q. 14lb. of Iron, bought of the State,                 | £ | 29    | 11 | 8  |
| July 16. By Ditto of <i>Job Gardner</i> , the Balance of his Account,                                                                                |   | 0     | 4  | 0  |
| July 27. By Ditto of <i>Walter Channing</i> , on Account of his paying the Bounties, &c.                                                             |   | 700   | 0  | 0  |
| July 29. By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , for a Pair fat Oxen taken by the Commissary, for the Use of the Troops,                              |   | 68    | 17 | 6  |
| Aug. 15. By Ditto of <i>Joseph West</i> , Paymaster to Col. <i>Elliott's</i> Regiment, over and above, &c.                                           |   | 400   | 11 | 0  |
| Sept. 2. By Ditto of Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq; for 39½ Barrels Pork, sold by him, by Order of the Council of War,                               |   | 432   | 0  | 0  |
| Sept. 4. By Ditto of Mr. <i>Sheriff Fry</i> , on Account of Cows bought of <i>Job Huntington</i> ,                                                   |   | 12    | 8  | 0  |
| Sept. 24. By Ditto of <i>George Peirce</i> , Esq; the Balance his Account,                                                                           |   | 3     | 12 | 0  |
| Sept. 25. By Ditto of <i>Gabriel Allen</i> , Paymaster to Col. <i>Topham's</i> Regiment, it being surplusage Money paying Bounties in said Regiment, |   | 873   | 6  | 0  |
| Oct. 6. By Ditto of the Hon. <i>William Bradford</i> , in Part for Rents,                                                                            |   | 116   | 2  | 0  |
| Oct. 9. By Ditto of <i>Benjamin Tillinghast</i> , in Part the Balance his Account for enlisting Men in Fifteen Months Battalions,                    |   | 83    | 18 | 6  |
| Oct. 22. By Ditto of <i>William Potter</i> , Esq; for the Rents of sequestered Estates in <i>King's County</i> ,                                     |   | 247   | 14 | 5½ |
| April 19. By Cash hired of <i>John Jacobs</i> , for which I gave my Note of Hand,                                                                    |   | 61    | 10 | 0  |
| April 24. By Ditto of <i>John Brown</i> , Ditto, 1778. } By Order of Congress, in Favour                                                             |   | 500   | 0  | 0  |
| July 15. } Governor and Company of the State, for 100,000 Dollars,                                                                                   |   | 30000 | 0  | 0  |
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| £ 458,494 5 10½                                                                                                                                      |   |       |    |    |
| By Balance in Old Tenor, £ 2556 5 1                                                                                                                  |   |       |    |    |

I N Obedience to the Appointment of the Honorable Assembly, we have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the General-Treasurer, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and do report, That there appears to be a Balance of Ninety-eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds

Pounds Twelve Shillings lawful Money, due to the State :  
Also the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-six  
Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Old Tenor.

JOHN JENCKES,  
JOHN NORTHUP,  
PAUL ALLEN,  
NATHANIEL MUMFORD.

Providence, October 26, 1778.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That in future no Charges be allowed in the Accounts of the General-Treasurer against this State, except the same are supported by Orders of this Assembly or the Council of War : And the Committees who may be hereafter appointed to adjust the same are to proceed accordingly ; and that the Treasurer be furnished, by the Secretary, with a Copy of this Resolve.

WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Mumford, Auditor of Accounts, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of the Hon. William Ellery, Esq; as one of the Delegates of this State, together with his Report thereon, which are as follow, to wit :

| State of Rhode-Island, &c. to William Ellery, Dr.  |     |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|
| 1776. To my Expences from May 20, 1776,            |     |            |
| to June 30, 1777, to, at, and from Philadelphia, £ | 360 | 0 0        |
| To my Services as Delegate in Congress, from       |     |            |
| May 20, 1776, to Aug. 20, 93 Days, at 18 s.        | 83  | 14 0       |
| To Ditto from Aug. 20, 1776, to June 30, 1777,     |     |            |
| 314 Days, at 30 s.                                 | -   | - 471 0 0  |
| To my Expences from Oct. 20, 1777, to July 23,     |     |            |
| 1778, to, at, and from York-Town,                  | 360 | 0 0        |
| To my Services as Delegate, from Oct. 20, 1777,    |     |            |
| to July 23, 1778, being 277 Days, at 30 s.         | 415 | 10 0       |
| To Cash paid Timothy Coffin's Bill, drawn upon     |     |            |
| Mr. Marchant and myself, in Favor Richard          |     |            |
| Ellis, for Value received of him in loading        |     |            |
| the Sloop Diamond on Account of the State,         |     |            |
| 1050 Dollars,                                      | -   | - 315 0 0  |
| To Ditto paid the Balance due to Samuel and        |     |            |
| Robert Purviance, for the Amount Sloop Dia-        |     |            |
| mond's Cargo, 439½ Dollars,                        | -   | - 131 17 4 |
|                                                    |     | <hr/>      |
|                                                    | £   | 2137 1 4   |
| E                                                  |     | Creditor.  |



October, 1778.

## Creditor.

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| 1776. } By Cash received of the General-<br>May 6. } Treasurer of the State of <i>Rhode-<br/>Island, &amp;c.</i> by Order of Assembly,                                                                           | £ 60 0 0   |
| Aug. 20. } By Cash received out of the Money<br>advanced by Congress to the State, 700<br>Dollars,                                                                                                               | 210 0 0    |
| 1777. } By Ditto received of the General-<br>March. } Treasurer of the State, advanced<br>by Order of Assembly,                                                                                                  | 30 0 0     |
| May. } By Ditto out of the Continental Treas-<br>ury, advanced to him for the Use of the<br>State, 2000 Dollars,                                                                                                 | 600 0 0    |
| Dec. 12. } By Ditto received of <i>John Gibson</i> ,<br>Auditor-General, in Part of a Warrant<br>drawn on him in Favour of the Delegates<br>of the State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , July 5, 1777,<br>1560 Dollars, | 468 0 0    |
| 1778. } By Ditto of Ditto, 520 Dollars,                                                                                                                                                                          | 150 0 0    |
| April 7. } By Ditto of Ditto, 1210 Dollars,                                                                                                                                                                      | 363 0 0    |
| July 9. }                                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | £ 1887 0 0 |
| Balance due to <i>William Ellery</i> ,                                                                                                                                                                           | 250 1 4    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | £ 2137 1 4 |

Errors excepted,

WILLIAM ELLERY.

*South-Kingstown, October 28, 1778.*

EXAMINED the above Account, and find the Charges for the Services right cast, and Vouchers for the Charges of *Timothy Coffin's* Bill, and for the Sum paid to *Samuel* and *Robert Purviance*: Also a Number of Vouchers for Board, Horse-keeping, Washing, Shaving, &c. but not enough to amount to the Sum charged for Expences by about £ 105: Balance due thereon, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD, Auditor.

*W. Ellery* al-  
lowed £ 250  
1 s. 4 d.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance of the above Account, being Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence lawful Money, be paid to *William Ellery*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of King's County forthwith take into his Possession the real Estate, late of *George Wightman*, deceased, but now belonging to *George Wightman*, who is in the Service of the Enemies of the United States, and all other Estate belonging to the said *George Wightman*; and that he make Report to this Assembly.

Sheriff of King's County to take Possession of *G. Wightman's* Estate.

W H E R E A S a Deficiency hath arisen in the Stock belonging to the Farm formerly improved by *Stephen Boyer*, but now leased to *Mr. Charles Dyre*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Stephen Boyer* and *Charles Dyre* be notified, by the Sheriff for the County of King's County, to give their Attendance at the next Session of this Assembly, that the same may be adjusted.

Stock on Boyer's Farm to be inquired after.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Enoch Hazard*, for the County of King's County; *William Bradford*, Esq; for the Counties of Bristol and Providence, and *Pardon Gray*, Esq; for the County of Newport, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive and dispose of the Rents due, in Produce, for the Estates leased in Behalf of this State, within their respective Counties in the Year 1778, to the best Advantage, at public or private Sale; and that the said *Enoch Hazard* and *Pardon Gray* render an Account and pay the Money arising from the Sale of the Rents within their respective Counties to the said *William Bradford*, Esq;

Committee to dispose of the Produce received for Rents.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Bradford*, Esq; be empowered to receive of *Perez Richmond*, Esq; a promissory Note given by the General-Treasurer to the said *Perez*, in part Payment of the Rents due from him.

W H E R E A S great Inconveniences and Difficulties do arise within this State, by Reason that the Acts, Votes and Resolves of the General Assembly, are not printed immediately after the Rising of the Session of such Assembly where they are passed, and the Schedules duly transmitted to each Town, as the Law directs: Wherefore *Resolved*, That it be and hereby is earnestly recommended to *Henry Ward*, Esq; Secretary of this State, to employ a sufficient Number of Clerks to forthwith copy and prepare for the Press all the Acts, Orders and Resolutions of this Assembly, which are not already printed or prepared for the Press: And that he employ as many Printers (if *Mr. Carter* cannot do the Business) as will be necessary; so that all the Schedules may, if possible, be ready to be delivered by the next Session of this Assembly, or as soon as may be.

Schedules to be printed immediately.

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*A N D it is further Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to cause the Acts, &c. of the State to be recorded and brought up to the present Time; and that for the future the Schedules be printed and distributed within the Time by Law prescribed, and the Acts, Orders, &c. of this Assembly duly recorded.*

Committee to  
adjust the Ac-  
counts of *J.*  
*Cook.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins and Nathaniel Mumford, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of John Cook, Esq; with this State, of the Sales of the Estates of Charles Dudley, George Rome and Jahleel Brenton, and of the Rents received of the Quacut Farm; and all other Accounts, Matters and Things, subsisting between the State and the said John Cook, which have not been adjusted: And that William Richmond, Esq; be requested to attend the said Committee, to give them Information of all such Facts as have come to his Knowledge respecting the above Accounts: That the said Committee agree upon Time and Place for adjusting the said Accounts, and give Notice thereof to the said John Cook. And if he shall not attend, It is further Voted and Resolved, That William Bradford, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to commence an Action or Actions against the said John Cook, for such Sums of Money as may be due from him to the State, to the first Court proper to try the same.*

Boards to be  
delivered to *S.*  
*Gardner.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Thousand Feet of the Boards, now in the State-House at South-Kingstown, belonging to this State, and which may be least useful in finishing the said Building, be delivered by Beriah Brown, Esq; to Major Sylvester Gardner, for repairing Barracks for the Use of the Troops within this State; and that the said Sylvester pay Fifty Dollars for the same, into the General-Treasury.*

Committee to  
audit *J. Law-*  
*rence's* Ac-  
count.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins and Nathaniel Mumford, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of Mr. Joseph Lawrence, Vendue-Master of the Town of Providence, of the Sales of the Goods of Charles Dudley and George Rome, and of the Fuzees by him disposed of in Behalf of this State; and that they make Report as soon as may be.*

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Fines for not  
working upon  
the Highways  
raised.

**W**HEREAS of late the Streets and Highways of the several Towns in this State have suffered greatly, for Want of due Repairs; and the Fines for Neglect of doing Duty

Duty on the Highways, as the Law requires, are so small that they are in nowise adequate to the Expence of mending and repairing them : Wherefore,

*B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly; the Fines for not appearing and doing Duty on the Highways, as the Law requires, be as follow, viz. For each Man per Day, Twenty-four Shillings; for a Man and One Yoke of Oxen, and Cart or Plough per Day, Forty-two Shillings; for a Man and Two Yoke of Oxen, and a good Draught-Horse with Cart or Plough, Fifty-six Shillings per Day; and for Teams only, the Fines to be in the same Proportion.*

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be appointed a Surveyor, and shall not accept the Appointment, and undertake the Duties of his Office; or if he shall accept the same, and afterwards neglect the Duty of his Office, he shall pay as a Fine Fifteen Pounds lawful Money, to be collected and paid in Manner as is directed by an Act entituled, "An Act for amending the Highways."*

*A N D it is Ordered, That a Copy of this Act be inserted in the Providence Gazette Three Weeks successively, that all Persons concerned may have Notice thereof.*

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*I T is Voted and Resolved, That Jonathan Arnold, William Bradford and Henry Ward, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise the several Acts heretofore passed respecting Persons inimical to the Liberties of the United States, and to draw up such further Acts as they shall think necessary to prevent the Return of Persons to this State, as Inhabitants thereof, who have voluntarily left the same or the Towns to which they belonged to join the Enemy on Rhode-Island or elsewhere: And also an Act of Outlawry for all others who have, in Arms or otherwise, aided, abetted, or assisted the Enemy, and for Confiscation of their Estates; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.*

*I T is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, Jonathan Arnold, Esq; and Mr. John Brown, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draft a Letter to the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, respecting the Embargo upon Provisions; and that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.*

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*N. Mumford to  
adjust the Ac-  
counts of divers  
Officers.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Accounts. adjust the Accounts of the Officers in the Battalions raised by this State, and of the Battalion under the Command of Col. *Henry Sherburne*, for the Monies by them respectively received, and for which they are accountable to this State; and that a Copy hereof be transmitted to each of the Colonels of said Battalions, who are requested to communicate the same to their respective Officers.

*N. Mumford to  
adjust the Ac-  
counts of J.  
Hazard, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* adjust the Accounts of Mr. *Jonathan Hazard*, Colonels *Crary* and *Olney*, of the Money received of Mr. *Hancock*, Paymaster for the Eastern Department, for paying the Bounties allowed by Congress to the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who enlisted into the Continental Battalions raised by this State.

*R. Champlin's  
Petition  
granted.*

W H E R E A S Mr. *Robert Champlin*, of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *King's County*, Mariner, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That in the Month of *November*, 1774, he sailed from *Newport* to the Coast of *Africa*, where he purchased a Number of Slaves, and disposed of them in the Island of *Jamaica*, Part upon Credit, and the other Part for the Produce of the Island, with which he again sailed for the Coast of *Africa*, and returned to the Island aforesaid: When hearing of the cruel War carried on by the *British* Troops against his native Country, he left the greater Part of his Effects in the Hands of the Merchants and Planters, took Passage to *Newport*, and from thence returned to *South-Kingstown* aforesaid: That he hath been at Home almost Two Years, and nearly expended all the Effects he brought with him: And that he is desirous of taking Passage to some neutral Island in the *West-Indies*, and from thence to *Jamaica*, in order to collect his Effects there, but would not willingly go to any Place or Port in Possession of the Enemy without proper Leave first had; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him a Permit to pass to the said Island of *Jamaica*, in Manner as aforesaid, in order to collect his Debts and Effects there; and that he may be permitted if he collects his Debts or Effects to bring the same into this State, without Interruption:

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that the said *Robert Champlin* be permitted to go to the said Island of *Jamaica*, for the Purposes therein mentioned.

W H E R E A S

W H E R E A S Messieurs *Joseph Clarke, Ichabod Babcock, jun. Samuel Champlin, Samuel Thompson, George Stillman, Nathan Babcock, John Ross and Thomas Wickham*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That their Boats were taken into the Service of the United States, in *October, 1777*, by Order of General *Cornell*, for the intended Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*: That they have been deprived of the Use of them since that Time: That their Families depended chiefly on the Advantages accruing from their Use in Fishing; and that their Seins have lain still since that Time, which might have been employed in the Support of their Families: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly that a Committee might be appointed to appraise them; and that they might be recommended for Payment of the Boats and Damages to General *Sullivan*, through the Mediation of this Assembly:

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and* Committee appointed to adjust the Account for the Loss of Boats, *Resolved*, That the Consideration of the foregoing Petition, and of the Accounts therewith presented, be recommended to the Hon. Major-General *Sullivan*, agreeable to the Prayer thereof. And upon the Recommendation of General *Sullivan*, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That Brigadier-General *Cornell*, Col. *Pardon Gray* and Major *Thomas Sheffield*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the Damages sustained by the Petitioners, and the Persons who have exhibited the said Accounts, in the Loss of the Boats, and the Articles contained therein.

W H E R E A S Dr. *Thomas Eyres* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That his Mulatto Slave, aged about Twenty-three Years, enlisted into the Continental Battalion raised by this State, under the Command of Col. *Greene*, by the Name of *Frank Gould*, alias *Eyres*, about Eighteen Months since, to serve during the War: That during the Time the Act of this State was in Force, giving Slaves so enlisting their Freedom, and allowing their Masters in Proportion to their Worth, the Regiment was on Duty to the Westward; so that it was not in his Power, for Want of the necessary Certificates, to apply for Payment for the said *Frank*: That the said *Frank* being esteemed by his Officers an excellent Soldier, the Petitioner does not object to his remaining in the Service on the Terms of the Act, but humbly prays this Assembly that he may be allowed a reasonable Sum for the Servant, and that the said *Frank* may be entitled to the Benefit of the said Act;

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A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that the Committee heretofore appointed to estimate the Value of Negro, *Indian*, or Mulatto Slaves, who enlisted into the Regiment under the Command of Col. *Greene*, estimate the Value of the aforesaid Mulatto Slave, and give the said *Thomas Eyres* a Certificate thereof; and that thereupon the Treasurer pay the same, out of the Treasury.

*W. Burdick's*  
Petition  
granted.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Walter Burdick*, of *Charlestown*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly; That on the 25th Day of *May* last, when the Enemy landed at *Warren*, he with Six others attacked and had several fair Fires at them: That they continued firing upon them until they retreated: That in pursuing them he was wounded very dangerously in the Body; of which Wounds he lay languishing at Col. *Miller's* House, until the Twelfth of *June*, when he was carried to *Narragansett* Ferry, and from thence to *Jonathan Macomber's*, where he lay in extreme Pain the greatest Part of the Time until the last of *August*; and that he hath not been able to do a Day's Work since. And thereupon prayed this Assembly to order the Cost and Expence he has been at during his Lameness to be paid him:

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that the Council of War adjust the Accounts of Expences, and order the same to be paid out of the General-Treasury.

Deputy-Governor's Draft  
on the General-Treasurer approved.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Draft of Fifty Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, made by the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; in Pursuance of a Recommendation from the President of the Continental Board of War, to defray the Expences of certain *French* Gentlemen, in the Service of the Continent, be and it is hereby approved of.

Recommendation to Gen. *Sullivan* to procure the Exchange of *W. Borden*, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That it be and is hereby earnestly recommended to Major-General *Sullivan* to obtain an Exchange of Messieurs *William Borden* and *Sion Mardindale*, Capt. *Joseph Gardner* and Lieut. *Nicholas Underwood*, who are now Prisoners with the Enemy at *Rhode-Island*.

Also, to pay the Wages of the Officers, &c. of the Galley *Washington*.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That it be further recommended to Major-General *Sullivan* to permit the Families of the Officers and Men who were taken in the Galley *Washington* to draw the Wages due to them.

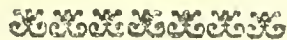
W H E R E A S



W H E R E A S the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service Twelve Days in counting and burning Money in the General-Treasury: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Eighteen Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jabez Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury. 7. Bowen allowed £ 18.

W H E R E A S the aforesaid *Jabez Bowen* laid before this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time of himself and Servant; the Use of his Two Horses, and for his Expences in going to *Hartford*, to bring the Money granted this State by Congress in *June*, 1778: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Forty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jabez Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury. Also £ 49 2 s, 6 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer immediately discharge the Notes, by him given to the Owners of Slaves who have enlisted into the Regiment, under the Command of *Col. Christopher Greene*: That he also pay unto the Owners of Slaves who have enlisted as aforesaid, and who have not received Notes for the estimated Value of the same the Sums of Money at which they were appraised, upon their producing Certificates thereof from the Committee appointed to give the same; and that the said Owners be permitted to receive the Whole or any Part of the Value of their Slaves in Continental Loan-Office Certificates. Owners or Slaves to be paid.



### *An ACT establishing and regulating Fees.*

*It is Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof*, That the Establishment of the Fees of the several Officers in this State, and for the Services herein after mentioned, be as follow, *to wit*: Act establishing and regulating Fees.

*His Excellency the Governor shall be allowed.*

|                                            |   |   |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---------|
| FOR every Commission he shall sign for any |   |   |         |
| Officer in the State,                      | = | = | £ 0 6 0 |
| For taxing a Bill of Cost,                 |   |   | 0 3 0   |
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*The Secretary shall be allowed,*

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| FOR engrossing the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly, to be paid out of the General-Treasury, each                       | - | - | £ 0 4 0 |
| For each Commission to the civil and military Officers, to be paid out of the General-Treasury,                              | - | - | 0 5 0   |
| For every special Warrant or Mittimus, by Order of the Governor and Council,                                                 | - | - | 0 6 0   |
| For every Bond,                                                                                                              | - | - | 0 4 0   |
| For every Order of Council to the Benefit of particular Persons,                                                             | - | - | 0 3 0   |
| For every Petition to the Governor and Council, or General Assembly,                                                         | - | - | 0 4 0   |
| And where there is an adverse Party,                                                                                         | - | - | 0 6 0   |
| For transcribing the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly into a Book, for every lawful Page, containing 200 Words,         | - | - | 0 5 0   |
| For copying each Page,                                                                                                       | - | - | 0 3 6   |
| For Attendance on the General Assembly by the Day,                                                                           | - | - | 2 8 0   |
| For affixing the State's Seal to any Commission or other Writing for the State,                                              | - | - | 0 4 0   |
| For entering a Protest in Court,                                                                                             | - | - | 0 6 0   |
| For proclaiming the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly,                                                                 | - | - | 0 12 0  |
| For every Page of the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly sent out in Print,                                             | - | - | 0 0 6   |
| For making a Certificate and affixing the State's Seal to any Writing to be sent abroad, wherein the State is not concerned. | - | - | 1 4 0   |

*The Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                                              |        |
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| FOR the Entry of every Action for Trial,                                                                     | 3 12 0 |
| For taking every special Bail,                                                                               | 0 9 0  |
| For allowing every Writ,                                                                                     | 0 9 0  |
| For Confession of Judgment,                                                                                  | 0 3 0  |
| For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment on Record,                                                        | 0 3 0  |
| For all criminal Cases where a Fine is set,                                                                  | 0 12 0 |
| For allowing every Bill of Cost,                                                                             | 0 3 0  |
| For attending the Court, to each Justice, every Day he shall attend, to be paid out of the General-Treasury, | 1 16 0 |

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*The Clerks of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, shall be allowed,*

|                                                                             |   |    |   |   |
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| FOR the Entry of every Action or Case,                                      | £ | 0  | 6 | 0 |
| For filing every Reason of Appeal, Petition, Answer, Motion or Objection, - | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For entering Judgment on every Motion or Objection, - - -                   | 0 | 2  | 6 |   |
| For copying every Page, - - -                                               | 0 | 3  | 6 |   |
| For every Action called, - - -                                              | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For a <i>Scire-Facias</i> and Seal, - - -                                   | 0 | 6  | 0 |   |
| For drawing and recording final Judgment,                                   | 0 | 12 | 0 |   |
| For swearing every Witness, - - -                                           | 0 | 0  | 9 |   |
| For a Writ of Execution, - - -                                              | 0 | 6  | 0 |   |
| For writing Evidences, if not above One Page,                               | 0 | 4  | 6 |   |
| For every Page more than One, - - -                                         | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |
| For entering a Rule of Court, - - -                                         | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |
| For a Writ to Referrees, and copying Rule of Court, - - -                   | 0 | 8  | 0 |   |
| For Acquittal of Felony on Suspicion thereof,                               | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For every Bond drawn and filed, - - -                                       | 0 | 5  | 0 |   |
| For filing every Bond, - - -                                                | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For entering Traverse upon Indictment,                                      | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For filing an Inventory of Goods taken by Execution, - - -                  | 0 | 1  | 0 |   |
| For every Person summoned, - - -                                            | 0 | 1  | 0 |   |
| For every Paper or Evidence in a Case, - - -                                | 0 | 0  | 7 |   |
| For withdrawing an Action, - - -                                            | 0 | 2  | 0 |   |
| For the Discharge of every Person upon Bail to the Peace, &c. - - -         | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |
| For every Petition read in Court, - - -                                     | 0 | 2  | 0 |   |
| For Order on every Petition, - - -                                          | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For every Citation or Notification, - - -                                   | 0 | 6  | 0 |   |
| For examining every Bill of Cost, - - -                                     | 0 | 2  | 0 |   |
| For searching the Records, - - -                                            | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |
| If above one Hour, for every Hour after,                                    | 0 | 1  | 6 |   |
| For attending the Court by the Day, - - -                                   | 0 | 12 | 0 |   |
| For a Writ of Review, - - -                                                 | 0 | 9  | 0 |   |
| For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record, - - -               | 0 | 2  | 0 |   |
| For a <i>Venire-Facias</i> and Seal, - - -                                  | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |
| For a <i>Habeas Corpus</i> , - - -                                          | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |
| For a Return of every Execution, - - -                                      | 0 | 1  | 0 |   |
| For a <i>Mittimus</i> for Commitment, - - -                                 | 0 | 4  | 0 |   |
| For every Report, - - -                                                     | 0 | 1  | 0 |   |
| For entering Judgment thereon, - - -                                        | 0 | 1  | 0 |   |
| For every Indictment read, - - -                                            | 0 | 3  | 0 |   |

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*The Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                           |          |
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| FOR entering every Action,                                                                | £ 0 12 0 |
| For taking every special Bail,                                                            | 0 2 0    |
| For Confession of Judgment,                                                               | 0 1 6    |
| For taxing every Bill of Cost,                                                            | 0 1 0    |
| For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record, - - -                             | 0 1 0    |
| For every special Court called, if the Judges meet, whether the Action be entered or not, | 3 0 0    |

*The Clerks of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                      |       |
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| For every Writ and Seal, - - -                                                       | 0 3 0 |
| For entering every Action, - - -                                                     | 0 2 0 |
| For drawing and recording final Judgment,                                            | 0 4 0 |
| For copying every lawful Page, -                                                     | 0 3 6 |
| For every Action withdrawn or nonsuit,                                               | 0 1 0 |
| For every Execution, - - -                                                           | 0 4 6 |
| For filing every Declaration, Answer, Reason of Appeal, Motion, Objection or Plea, - | 0 1 0 |
| For Judgment on the same,                                                            | 0 1 0 |
| For every Action called in Court,                                                    | 0 1 0 |
| For entering <i>nihil dicit</i> , - - -                                              | 0 1 0 |
| For entering Rule of Court to Referrees or Auditors, - - -                           | 0 1 6 |
| For Writ and copying Rule,                                                           | 0 6 0 |
| For every Bond in the Clerk's Office,                                                | 0 1 6 |
| And where the Attorney becomes bound, the same Fee.                                  |       |
| For every Person summoned,                                                           | 0 0 9 |
| For every Paper or Evidence in a Case,                                               | 0 0 6 |
| For searching the Records, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court,              |       |
| For return of every Execution,                                                       | 0 0 6 |
| For examining every Bill of Cost,                                                    | 0 1 0 |
| For swearing every Witness,                                                          | 0 0 6 |
| For writing Evidences, if not above One Page,                                        | 0 4 6 |
| If above One Page, for every Page,                                                   | 0 3 0 |
| For entering Appearance,                                                             | 0 0 9 |
| For attending the Court by the Day,                                                  | 0 8 0 |
| For recording Deputation from the Sheriff,                                           | 0 4 6 |
| For recording Revocation of the same,                                                | 0 3 0 |
| For Summons for Vouchers,                                                            | 0 6 0 |
| For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record, = = =                        | 0 1 0 |
| For every Report,                                                                    | 0 1 0 |
| For Judgment on the same, =                                                          | 0 1 9 |

*The*

*The Clerk of the General Sessions of the Peace shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                    |   |   |   |   |
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| For entering Complaint upon Indictment,                                            | £ | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| For drawing and filing Recognizance,                                               |   | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| For filing Recognizance if drawn,                                                  |   | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| For the Discharge of every Recognizance,                                           |   | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| For making out a Process against Criminals, each                                   |   | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| For Warrant for the Peace or good Behaviour,                                       |   | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| For Acquittal of Felony, on Suspicion thereof,                                     |   | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| In all other Respects the same as the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas. |   |   |   |   |

*The Attorney-General shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                                                                                             |   |    |   |
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| For every Bill of Indictment drawn and found by the Grand Jury, - -                                                                                         | 3 | 0  | 0 |
| For every Bill of Indictment drawn and passed by the Court, if not found by the Grand Jury,                                                                 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| For every Criminal executed to Death,                                                                                                                       | 4 | 0  | 0 |
| For discharging every Person upon Bond to the Peace, - - - -                                                                                                | 0 | 8  | 0 |
| For every Day's Attendance upon the General Assembly and Courts, to be proved by a Certificate from the Clerks, to be paid out of the General-Treasury, - - | 2 | 0  | 0 |
| For appearing and pleading for the State on an Appeal, - - - -                                                                                              | 2 | 0  | 0 |

*Other Fees allowed in Court.*

|                                                                          |   |    |     |
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| For Attorney's and Council's Fees,                                       | 1 | 10 | 0   |
| For drawing a Bill of Cost, - -                                          | 0 | 1  | 0   |
| For every Person discharged from Bail to the State, to the Serjeant, - - | 0 | 1  | 0   |
| For every Witness summoned, his Attendance per Day, - - - -              | 0 | 12 | 0   |
| And his Travel per Mile, - - -                                           | 0 | 1  | 0   |
| For every Action called, to the Serjeant,                                | 0 | 0  | 8   |
| For the Jury, to be paid down by the Plaintiff or Appellant, - - -       | 2 | 14 | 0   |
| For Attendance of the Party recovering Judgment, by the Day, - - -       | 0 | 3  | 0   |
| And but Two Days Attendance to be allowed in a common Defaulter.         |   |    |     |
| For a Power of Attorney and Probate of the same, - - - -                 | 0 | 5  | 0   |
| For Travel of the Party recovering Judgment per Mile, - - -              | 0 | 0  | 9   |
|                                                                          | H |    | For |



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| For annexing Account to the Declaration or Answer,                                                                                                                | - | - | £ 0 0 6 |
| In all Actions for the State's Tenths and Interest Bonds, Half so much as in other Cases, except the Sheriff's Fees, which shall be the same as in other Actions. |   |   |         |
| For Attendance of each Grand Juror <i>per</i> Day,                                                                                                                |   |   | 0 12 0  |

*The Sheriff shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |   |          |
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| For serving a Writ, if not above One Mile from the Court-House or Place of Appearance,                                                                                                 |   |   | 0 3 0    |
| If above One Mile, for every Mile Travel out, And the same back.                                                                                                                       |   |   | 0 0 8    |
| For attending a Prisoner before Commitment by the Day (and not more than Three Days Attendance will be allowed)                                                                        | - |   | 0 4 6    |
| For Copy of a Writ,                                                                                                                                                                    | - |   | 0 2 0    |
| For attending the General Assembly and Courts by the Day,                                                                                                                              | - | - | 1 4 0    |
| For a bail Bond in civil Actions,                                                                                                                                                      | - |   | 0 4 6    |
| For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,                                                                                                                                             |   |   | 0 4 0    |
| For discharging the same,                                                                                                                                                              | - |   | 0 4 0    |
| For serving all Executions not exceeding Twenty Shillings,                                                                                                                             | - | - | 0 10 0   |
| If above Twenty and not exceeding Forty Shillings,                                                                                                                                     |   |   | 0 15 0   |
| If above Forty Shillings and not exceeding Five Pounds,                                                                                                                                | - | - | 0 18 0   |
| If above Five and not exceeding Ten Pounds,                                                                                                                                            |   |   | 1 4 0    |
| If above Ten and not exceeding Twenty Pounds,                                                                                                                                          |   |   | 1 11 0   |
| If above Twenty and not exceeding Thirty Pounds,                                                                                                                                       | - | - | 2 0 0    |
| If above Thirty and not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds,                                                                                                                        | - |   | 2 10 0   |
| For all Executions above One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, Four-pence upon the Pound. And if above One Thousand Pounds, Three-pence upon the Pound. |   |   |          |
| And none of the lesser Sums to be included in the greater.                                                                                                                             |   |   |          |
| For travelling Fees to serve Executions, the same as to serve Writs.                                                                                                                   |   |   |          |
| Forturning the Key on every Prisoner committed,                                                                                                                                        |   |   | 0 2 8    |
| For discharging every Person upon Bail to the Governor and Company,                                                                                                                    |   |   | 0 4 0    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |   | Whenever |

Whenever any Officer shall levy an Execution or Order for Sale upon real or personal Estate, he shall be entitled to and receive, if under One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Two and an Half *per Cent.* and if above One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, One and an Half *per Cent.* for venduing the same.

For serving a Writ or Execution returnable out of the County where the same is served, the same for Travel *per Mile* as if they were returnable to the County where served.

For serving a Summons, if not above a Mile from the Court-House or Place of Appearance, £ 0 1 4  
If above One Mile, the same as for serving Writs.  
For every Judgment obtained in the Superior or Inferior Courts, - - - 0 4 6

*Justices of the Peace and Wardens shall be allowed,*

|                                                                      |   |    |   |
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| For every Writ of Arrest in civil Actions,                           | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| For a Summons in a civil Action, -                                   | 0 | 0  | 9 |
| For annexing an Account, -                                           | 0 | 0  | 6 |
| For the Entry of every Action, -                                     | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| For administering an Oath or Engagement,                             | 0 | 0  | 9 |
| For writing an Evidence not exceeding a lawful Page, - -             | 0 | 4  | 6 |
| And in Proportion if more than a Page.                               |   |    |   |
| For Judgment, - -                                                    | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| For recording the same, -                                            | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,                           | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| For an appeal Bond, - - - -                                          | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| For a Writ of Execution, - -                                         | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| For a Recognizance other than to the Peace or good Behaviour, - -    | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| For the Copy of a Case, the same as the Clerk of the Superior Court. |   |    |   |
| For taking the Acknowledgment of any Instrument, - -                 | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| For marrying Persons, -                                              | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| For recording Confession of Judgment,                                | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| For a Bond when the Plaintiff is not a Freeman,                      | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| When the Attorney becomes bound, the same Fee.                       |   |    |   |
| For filing every Paper, - -                                          | 0 | 0  | 2 |

*The Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly shall be allowed,*

For attending the General Assembly by the Day, 2 0 0  
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The other Fees to the Secretary and Clerk, the same as the Fees of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

*Town-Council shall be allowed for Probate of Wills, &c.*

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| For the Probate of a Will where the Inventory doth not exceed Five Pounds,                              | - | £ 0 4 6 |
| For every Five Pounds above the said Five Pounds,                                                       | - | 0 0 5   |
| For the Probate of an Inventory where no Will appears, and where the Inventory exceeds not Five Pounds, | - | 0 4 6   |
| If above Five Pounds and not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, for every Five Pounds more,                 | - | 0 0 5   |
| And for all Sums more than One Thousand Pounds, One-eighth <i>per Cent.</i> including the lesser Sum.   |   |         |

*Town-Clerks and Clerks of the Town-Council shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                            |        |
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| For entering a Caveat against the Probate of Wills, or granting Letters of Administration, | 0 3 0  |
| For taking Bond and granting Letters of Administration under the Seal of the Town-Council, | 0 12 0 |
| For registering and copying, for every Page,                                               | 0 3 6  |
| For every Citation and Summons,                                                            | 0 1 0  |
| For a Bond and granting Licence under the Town-Council's Seal,                             | 0 8 0  |
| For a Bond of every Person who comes to dwell in a Town,                                   | 0 2 8  |
| For recording every Marriage, Birth or Death,                                              | 0 1 0  |

*Notary Public shall be allowed,*

|                                                                 |   |        |
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| For drawing a Protest, swearing the Witnesses, registering, &c. | - | 1 16 0 |
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*The Coroner for taking an Inquisition upon a dead Body shall be allowed,*

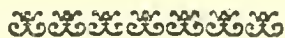
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| For taking every Inquisition,                                                            | - | 0 18 0 |
| Besides the above Fee, Twelve Shillings for each Day for every Inquisition by him taken, |   |        |
| Each Juror shall be allowed by the Day,                                                  |   | 0 10 0 |

*Towns*

*Town-Serjeants and Constables shall be allowed,*

|                                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For serving every Warrant, if not above One Mile from the Place where the Court is to be held,                   | - | - | - | £ | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| If above One Mile, for every Mile out the same as the Sheriff.                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| For bail Bond in civil Actions,                                                                                  | - |   |   | 0 | 1 | 4 |   |
| For a Copy of a Warrant,                                                                                         | . | - |   | 0 | 4 | 0 |   |
| For serving a Summons and Travel, the same as the Sheriff.                                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| For Attendance on a Justice's Court by the Day,                                                                  |   |   |   | 0 | 6 | 0 |   |
| For Attendance on the General Assembly <i>per</i> Day,                                                           |   |   |   | 1 | 0 | 0 |   |
| Waiters shall be allowed the same Fees for attending upon the General Assembly as Town-Serjeants and Constables. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in Force immediately from and after the Rising of this Assembly ; and that the Secretary, as soon as may be, transmit Copies hereof to the several Town-Clerks and Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts within this State.*



W H E R E A S *Caleb Harris, Esq;* as Director of the State's Powder-Mill, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials provided ; Bills paid, and for divers other Expences and Repairs on said Mill ; and for his Services in superintending the same : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Balance thereof, being Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Two-pence lawful Money, be allowed ; and that the same be paid unto the said *Caleb Harris*, out of the General-Treasury. *C. Harris allowed £ 272 17s. 2d.*

W H E R E A S the aforesaid *Caleb Harris* laid before this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for divers Bills by him paid, for repairing the Powder-Mill, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That One Hundred and Ten Pounds Eleven Shillings lawful Money, of the said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that the said Sum be paid unto the said *Caleb Harris*, out of General-Treasury. *Also £ 110 11s.*

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W H E R E A S



*J. Jenckes* allowed £ 10.

W H E R E A S Mr. *John Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as one of the Committee in settling the General-Treasurer's Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Ten Pounds lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Jenckes*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Mumford* allowed £ 8 8 s.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Samuel Mumford* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Dinners by him provided for Twenty-eight Soldiers, belonging to Capt. *Abraham Washburn's* Company: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Eight Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Samuel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Potter* allowed £ 40 12 s.

W H E R E A S *Stephen Potter*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences in attending as one of the Members of the Council of War, in the Months of *June, July, August* and *September* last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Forty Pounds Twelve Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Potter* allowed £ 9 18 s.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Robert Potter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Thirty-three Dinners by him provided for Soldiers from *Massachusetts-Bay*, doing Duty in this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Robert Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Rumreil* allowed £ 38 12 s.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Thomas Rumreil* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire in attending as one of the Members of the Council of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirty-eight Pounds Twelve Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Rumreil*, out of the General-Treasury.

W H E R E A S

W H E R E A S Mr. *Paul Allen* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as one of the Committee in settling the Accounts of the General-Treasurer: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Seven Pounds Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Paul Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Allen* allowed  
£ 7 10s.

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*An ACT enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Justices of the Peace, in the Trials of civil Actions.*

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Manner of Actions or Pleas of the Case, Account, Debt, Detinue, Trover, Covenant, and Trespass (where the Title of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments is not in Dispute) where the Debt, Demand or Damage, amounts to no more than Fifteen Pounds lawful Money, except Suits on the State's Bonds, and in such other Case or Cases where by Law it is otherwise directed, may be heard, tried and determined, by any One or more Justices of the Peace, or Wardens of the Town, wherein the Action shall be brought, who shall enter up Judgment, and award Execution thereon.

Act enlarging  
the Jurisdic-  
tion of Justices  
Courts.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Process and Proceedings in the aforesaid Actions, triable as aforesaid, to final Judgment and Execution, shall be had and done in the same Manner as in the Trials in civil Actions, not exceeding Forty Shillings, heretofore brought before Justices of the Peace.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Balances upon Book Accounts, not exceeding Fifteen Pounds, may also be sued for, in the same Manner as Balances not exceeding Forty Shillings could be heretofore sued for at Justices Courts.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an Appeal from any Determination of a Justice's Court as aforesaid, shall be granted in the same Manner as Appeals have heretofore been granted from Justices Courts: That this Act be in Force immediately after the Rising of this Assembly: And that the Secretary publish the same as soon as may be in the *Providence Gazette*.

W H E R E A S

*P. Gray allowed  
£ 13 10 s.*

WHEREAS *Pardon Gray, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire in attending on the Council of War as a Member thereof Six Days : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed : and that the Amount thereof, being Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Pardon Gray*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Stanton to be  
supplied in the  
Town of Westerly.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Lieutenant *Enoch Stanton* be supplied by the Committee for supplying the Families of Officers and Soldiers in the Town of *Westerly*, or by the Commissary appointed by this Assembly at the present Session, agreeable to the Acts of this Assembly now in Force for that Purpose.

*Post-Rider to  
Connecticut, &c.  
discontinued.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Post employed to ride from *Connecticut* to *New-Hampshire*, by the Committees from the *New-England* States, who met at *Providence* in *December*, 1776, be and the same is hereby discontinued.

*T. Greene ap-  
pointed a  
Commissary to  
supply the Of-  
ficers and Sol-  
diers.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Greene, Esq;* be and he is hereby appointed Commissary to purchase such Articles as are to be supplied in Camp to the Continental Officers and Soldiers raised by this State, agreeable to a Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the present Session ; and that he appoint an Issuing-Commissary or Commissaries to issue the same, agreeable to the said Resolution, and make them such Allowances as may be reasonable for their Services, to be paid by this State : That the said Issuing-Commissaries be accountable for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them to the said *Thomas Greene* ; and that the said *Thomas Greene* be accountable therefor to the State.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Greene* be allowed for his Services aforesaid, at and after the Rate of Thirty Pounds lawful Money *per Month*.

AND *it is also Voted and Resolved*, That he be empowered to draw the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury for the Purpose aforesaid, on his giving Bond to the General-Treasurer for the faithful Discharge of the aforesaid Trust ; and that he also be empowered to receive of his Excellency Governor *Greene*, such Quantities of Sugar in his Possession, belonging to the State, as may be wanted in the aforesaid Business, giving his Receipt for the same.

*IT*



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Field, Commissioned and Staff-Officers, in the Continental Battalions raised by this State, be supplied, agreeable to an Act passed in *August, A. D. 1777*, with Molasses, Rum, Sugar and Coffee, at the Rates affixed in the Act against Monopoly and Oppression (if to be procured) with the Charges of Transportation, to the Amount of One-Sixteenth Part of their Wages in Camp, by the Commissary appointed by this Assembly for that Purpose, they paying the Money therefor on the Receipt of the Articles; and that the remaining Three-Sixteenths of the Wages of those who have Families be paid agreeable to the Regulations heretofore made, for supplying the Families of Persons in Service.

Further Allowance to the Continental Officers and Soldiers.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That those Field, Commissioned and Staff-Officers, who have no Families, for their more comfortable Subsistence be paid Monthly, in Lieu of the Remainder of the said One-Quarter Part of their Wages in Cash, in the following Proportions, *viz.* A Colonel shall receive Fifty-six Dollars; a Lieutenant-Colonel Forty-five Dollars; a Major Thirty-three Dollars and an Half; each Captain Thirty Dollars; each Lieutenant Twenty Dollars; each Ensign Fifteen Dollars; each Surgeon Forty-five Dollars; each Surgeon's-Mate Thirty Dollars, *per Month*, for Subsistence-Money, which shall be paid them by the Paymaster to be appointed for that Purpose; and that the other Staff-Officers be allowed for Subsistence-Money in Proportion to their Wages.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That all the Non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers, belonging to the said Continental Battalions, shall be supplied while in Camp with the like Articles, to the Amount of One-Quarter Part of their Wages, they paying the Cash for the same on Receipt of the Articles.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the remaining Three-Quarter Parts of the Wages of the said Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers (excepting such Soldiers as enlisted into the Regiment under the Command of Col. *Christopher Greene*, in Pursuance of an Act permitting *Indian, Mulatto and Negro Slaves*, to enlist into the same) who have Families, shall be by the said Commissary paid to the Town's Committee appointed to supply their Families: *Provided always*, That such Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, who shall be recommended by some one of the Field Officers of the Regiment to which they belong for that Purpose shall if he choose receive

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Monthly the Sums following, *viz.* Each Serjeant Thirty Dollars ; each Corporal, Drummer, and Fifer Twenty-two Dollars ; and each Private Twenty Dollars, in Cash for Subsistence Money for themselves and Families, over and above the Wages he or they may receive of the Regimental Paymaster, to be paid them by the Committees of the Towns to which they respectively belong.

*A N D it is farther Voted and Resolved, That those Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who have no Families, excepting the Soldiers who have enlisted in Pursuance of the said Act, permitting Indian, Negro and Mulatto Slaves to enlist, shall receive for their better Subsistence the following Sums per Month in Money, viz. Each Serjeant Thirty Dollars ; each Corporal, Drummer, and Fifer Twenty-two Dollars ; and each private Soldier Twenty Dollars ; which shall be paid them by the Commissary aforesaid.*

*B. Gardner permitted to subscribe the Test.*

*W H E R E A S Mr. Benjamin Gardner, of North-Kingstown, in the County of King's County, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That heretofore a certain Act of the General Assembly was passed, and therein a Test was prescribed for the Inhabitants of this State to subscribe : That he not being present at any Town-Meeting or other Place where said Test was shewn, neglected to subscribe the same until some Time in the First of July last, when the Town-Council of North-Kingstown unanimously permitted him to subscribe the same : That Peter Phillips, Esq; of North-Kingstown represented unto the Assembly, that many Persons inimical to the United States had been permitted by the said Town-Council to subscribe the said Test, and prayed the Assembly to disannul the Subscription of all Persons who had subscribed the said Test between the Sitting of the Assembly in June last, and the last Meeting of this Assembly ; and that the Town-Council should re-examine the Persons, and permit those only whom they pleased to subscribe the same : That this Assembly passed an Act agreeable to the said Representation and Prayer : That accordingly the Town-Council did re-examine the Persons, and did refuse to let your Petitioner subscribe the same ; and that he is conscious that he has endeavoured to demean himself as a good and faithful Subject of this State : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to restore him to the Privilege of a Subject of this State :*

*A N D the Premises being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted.*

*W H E R E A S*

WHEREAS *Samuel Knowles, George Sweet, jun. Ezekiel Tripp and Ichabod Mosier*, have concealed themselves, and kept out of the Way, so that they could not be apprehended by the Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, by Virtue of a Precept issued forth by the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, all of whom were accused of having uttered and passed counterfeit Money: And whereas the said Sheriff hath seized and taken into Possession all the Estates, both real and personal, of the aforesaid Persons, and the same hath been adjudged forfeit by the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. held at *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *King's County*, in October, *A. D. 1777*.

Estates of *S. Knowles, &c.* to be sold at public Vendue.

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Beriah Brown, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, sell all the real and personal Estates of the said *Samuel Knowles, George Sweet, jun. Ezekiel Tripp and Ichabod Mosier*, that have been adjudged forfeit, at public Vendue, to the highest Bidder, as the Law directs: That he pay the Amount thereof (after deducting Charges) into the General-Treasury: And that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give Deeds of the same; which Deeds shall vest in the Purchaser or Purchasers the Fee of the said Estates.

WHEREAS *William Potter, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Three Cords of Walnut Wood, delivered at the State-House in *King's County*, for the Use of this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Potter* allowed £ 14 8s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *William Richmond, John Jenckes, Benjamin Bourn, John Northup and Othniel Gorton*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draft a Bill for taking a new Estimate; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

Committee to draft a Bill for taking a new Estimate.

WHEREAS *William Aldrich*, of *Smithfield*, in this State, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That *Jemima Wilkinson*, of *Cumberland*, single Woman, who is a Preacher, and under a strong Apprehension in her Mind, that she is divinely called to go and preach to the People in *England*; and has for that Purpose obtained General *Sullivan's* Permission to go upon *Rhode-Island*, to take Passage from thence to *England*, and has also obtained his Permission to take

*W. Aldrich* permitted to go upon *Rhode-Island*.

take with her *Marcy Wilkinfon* and *Rhoda Scott*, as Companions: That they are all unwilling to go unless some Man of their Acquaintance can be permitted to go with them: That he is very desirous to accompany them, and has applied to General *Sullivan* for that Purpose, who refuses to permit him without the Consent of this Assembly be first obtained; and thereupon the said *William* earnestly desired this Assembly to grant him Permission to go upon *Rhode-Island*, in order to go from thence to *England* with the said *Jemima* and her Companions:

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *William Aldrich*, in his aforesaid Petition contained, be and the same is hereby granted; and that the said *William Aldrich* be permitted to go under the Direction of General *Sullivan*, and subject to such Restrictions as he shall prescribe.

Lottery granted to repair *Pawtucket* Bridge.

W H E R E A S Messieurs *James Lovett*, *John Dexter*, *Simon Whipple*, *John Brayton*, *David Dexter*, jun. *Benjamin Whipple* and *Jotham Carpenter*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That the Bridge built over *Pawtucket* River, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, near *Unity-Furnace* (so called) is so impaired that it is almost impassable, and the Public greatly incommoded by Means thereof: That the said Bridge was at first built by Way of a Lottery, and hath ever since been repaired in like Manner: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery to raise the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds lawful Money, to repair the same; and that Major *John Fisk*, *Jotham Carpenter*, Esq; Col. *Edward Thompson* and Mr. *William Gulley*, may be appointed Directors or Managers of the said Lottery, and prepare a Scheme accordingly:

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That the Managers give Bond to the General-Treasurer of this State for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them; and that no Cost accrue to the State from the said Lottery.

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Persons who were sick, &c. during the late Expedition, excused.

W H E R E A S it hath been represented to this Assembly, That the Colonels of the respective Regiments in this State, have returned unto the Honorable Major-General *Sal-livan* many Persons, as Delinquents in the late Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, who were sick or incapable of doing personal



personal Service in Camp, or were absent from this State before the Militia were at first called out; and as it is not the Intent and Meaning of this Legislature, that Persons who were incapable of doing personal Service, or who were absent from this State before the first Draught of the Inhabitants, and had not any Knowledge of the said Expedition, should be returned as Delinquents :

WHEREFORE *Resolved*, That the several Field-Officers of their respective Regiments do make Return to General *Sullivan*, within Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, of the Names of all Persons whom they have returned as Delinquents, who at the Time of the Draught, and during the Time of their Tour of Duty, were sick. or otherwise incapable of doing personal Service in Camp, or before the first Draught of the Inhabitants were absent from this State, and had not any Knowledge of the intended Expedition, that they may be excused from the Penalties of the late Act made for the punishing of said Delinquents : The said Officers taking great Care and Precaution that no one be excused but those who are really deserving thereof : And that a Copy of this Resolve be immediately sent to each Field-Officer of the Regiments, and Commanders of the Independent Companies.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John Brown*, *John Jenckes* and *Benjamin Bourn*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the Conditions upon which the Stock belonging to the Farm late belonging to *William Vassal* were received by Messieurs *Cromel Child* and *Thomas Greene* ; and that they make Report to this Assembly.

Committee to inquire into the Stock upon the Farm late *Vassal's*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War, upon Application made to them by Major-General *Sullivan*, appoint and commissionate the Serjeants of his Guards, agreeable to his Letter to this Assembly.

Council of War to commission the Serjeants of Gen. *Sullivan's* Guards.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to draft a Letter to the General Assembly of *Connecticut*, respecting the Embargo on Provisions, laid before this Assembly a Draft of the said Letter : And the same having been duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Draft be and the same is hereby approved of ; and that a fair Copy thereof, signed by his Excellency the Governor, be transmitted to the said General Assembly, as soon as may be.

Draft of a Letter to the General Assembly of *Connecticut* approved.

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Draft of a Letter to General Sullivan approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Draft of Letter to General Sullivan, presented unto this Assembly by the Committee who were appointed to draft the same, be approved of; and that a fair Copy thereof, signed by his Excellency the Governor, be transmitted to the Hon. Major-General Sullivan.

Tax of £30000 ordered.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Tax of Thirty Thousand Pounds lawful Money, be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be collected and paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of January next: That Messieurs Zebedee Grinnel, Esq. Hopkins, Rowse J. Helme, Adam Comstock and William Bradford, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to apportion the same to the several Towns within this State, not in the Possession of the Enemy; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

Council of War appointed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War consist of Ten Members, whereof One shall be for the County of Newport; Three for the County of Providence; Three for the County of King's County; Two for the County of Kent; and One for the County of Bristol; Five of whom shall be a Quorum.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Council convene on the last Monday in November next, and at such other Times as his Excellency the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor, shall think it necessary, for the good Purposes for which the said Council was instituted; and that unless there be a Member from Three Counties, the said Council shall not be deemed clothed with sufficient Powers to make any Resolve whatever.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That there be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to each of the Members who live in the County of Providence Four Dollars, and Six Dollars to each of the Members who live out of the County of Providence (including their Expences) for each and every Day they shall attend the said Council, convened agreeable to this Resolve; and that such of the said Members as reside Twenty Miles from the Town of Providence, be allowed One Day extra for their Times in convening and returning Home.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That if either of the Members shall neglect to attend the said Council, at the Time ordered to be convened by this Resolve, or at any other Time, when convened by his Excellency the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor; if a Member for the County  
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of *Providence*, he shall pay as a Fine Four Dollars; and if he lives out of the County of *Providence*, he shall pay as a Fine Six Dollars, for each Days Non-Attendance on the said Council: That the Fines be paid into the General-Treasury for the Advantage of the State; and that the said Council shall have Power to remit the Fines of those who may have sufficient Excuses for their Absence.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Bradford*, Esq, be and he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Bristol*.

*D. Bradford* appointed a Justice of Peace for *Bristol*.

W H E R E A S Capt. *George Stillman* laid before this Assembly an Account for billeting a Number of Soldiers of his Company, on their March from *Westerly* to *Boston-Neck*, in *December*, 1776: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Ten Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Stillman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Stillman* allowed £ 10 19 s. 6 d.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Accounts, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of Mr. *Jonathan Hazard*, together with his Report thereon, which are as follows, viz.

State of *J. Hazard's* Account.

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. to *Jonathan Hazard*, Dr.

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| 1777.     | } | To Cash paid <i>Archibald Crary</i> , by                                                                     |      |    |          |
| March 30. |   | the Hands of <i>James Mitchel Varnum</i> , Esq; 5200 Dollars,                                                | -    | £  | 1560 0 0 |
| April 5.  | } | To Cash paid Lieut. Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> , by the Hands of <i>James M. Varnum</i> , Esq; 4760 Dollars, | 1428 | 0  | 0        |
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Errors excepted,  
Per JONATHAN J. HASZARD, Paymaster.

*South-Kingstown*, Oct. 31, 1778.

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*South-Kingstown, Oct. 31, 1778.* Examined the above Account, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and find the Account exactly balanced.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD, Auditor.

A N D the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

Inhabitants of  
*Newport, &c.*  
to pay Taxes.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act exempting the Inhabitants of the Towns now in Possession of the Enemy from Taxation, for their Polls and personal Estate, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Town of *Little-Compton* allowed  
£ 56 9s. 3d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Adam Simmons*, Clerk of the Town-Council of the Town of *Little-Compton*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, for Boarding and Necessaries provided for one *James Cheefsbrough*, a Soldier belonging to Col. *Ely's* Regiment, who was taken sick with the Small-Pox in the said Town of *Little-Compton*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Fifty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence Lawful Money, be paid to *William Richmond*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, for the Use of said Town of *Little-Compton*.

*S. Babcock* allowed  
£ 9 12s.  
*J. Cole* £ 10  
14s. and P.  
*Wright* £ 2  
13s. 4d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Babcock* be allowed Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings; *John Cole* Ten Pounds Fourteen Shillings, and *Peter Wright* Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence lawful Money, the same being in Satisfaction of so much advanced by them in discharge of Abstracts for Services done on the Shores, on the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Days of *September, A. D. 1777*, and not allowed by the Auditor of Accounts; and that said Sums be paid them respectively, out of the General-Treasury.

Persons who  
have not sub-  
scribed the  
Test, restored  
to Part of their  
Privileges.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That those Persons who have not subscribed the Declaration or Test, prescribed by an Act of this State, passed at *June Session, A. D. 1776*, within the Time limited by a Resolve of this Assembly, at their First Session in *May, 1778*, shall be and they are hereby permitted to prosecute and defend Actions, Petitions, Bills, and legal Processes of what Kind or Nature soever, before the General Assembly, or any Court within this State; the Resolve of this Assembly, at their Session in *July 1776*, or any other Resolve or Act of this State notwithstanding: And that such Parts of the Acts and Orders of this State, as incapacitate Persons, not  
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having subscribed the said Declaration or Test, from prosecuting and defending Actions, &c. as aforesaid, be and the same are hereby repealed.

W H E R E A S Mr. *George Thomas*, Clerk of the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown*, in Behalf of said Council, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That in *September* last, Lieutenant-Colonel *Jacobs*, commanding a Party of *Bay Forces*, stationed in the said Town, applied to the said Council for a Pest-House for himself and Three of the said Party, who had taken the Small-Pox in the said Town; that thereupon the said Council procured a Pest-House for the said infected Persons, and took due Measures to guard the same, whereby considerable Charge hath arisen to the said Town of *North-Kingstown*, to the Amount of Twenty-six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence lawful Money: And thereupon the said *George Thomas* prayed this Assembly to take the subject Matter of this Petition into Consideration, and grant that the aforesaid Charge may be repaid the said Town, out of the General-Treasury:

Town of  
*North-Kingstown* allowed  
£,26 17s. 5d.

A N D the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of the aforesaid Charges, being Twenty-six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Fivepence lawful Money, be paid to the said *George Thomas*, for the Use of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, out of the General-Treasury.

B O T H Houses joined in a Grand Committee made Choice of the following Officers, *viz.*

Officers chosen.

*Gideon Comstock*, Esq; Fifth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and throughout the State.

The following Gentlemen to constitute a Council of War:

H I S Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *Pardon Gray*, *Esek Hopkins*, *John Jenckes*, *John Northup*, *Joshua Babcock*, *Jonathan J. Hazard*, *Job Comstock*, *Josiah Humphrey*, Esquires.

*Jeremiah Knowles*, Lieutenant of the Second Company of Militia, in the Town of *South-Kingstown*.

*Elisha Potter* (Son of *Benjamin*) Ensign of the said Company.

*John Willcox*, Lieutenant in Capt. *Springer's* Company, in Col. *Topham's* Battalion.

*Richard Dursley*, Captain of the Third Company of Militia

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in the Town of *Tiverton*, in the Room of *B. Dursey*, who declines.

*Humphrey Shearman* Lieutenant, and *Thomas Dursey* Ensign of the said Company.

*E. Tafft* allowed  
£ 12 15 s.

W H E R E A S Mr. *Ebenezer Tafft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on and Candles provided for this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Twelve Pounds Fifteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Tafft*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Tafft, jun.*  
allowed £ 10  
16 s.

W H E R E A S Mr. *James Tafft, jun.* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Tafft, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Waite* al-  
lowed £ 1 10 s.

W H E R E A S Mr. *John Waite* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Dinners provided for Five Soldiers, by Order of Major *Sylvester Gardner* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being One Pound Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Waite*, out of the General-Treasury.

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Act for the  
Relief of the  
Poor of *New-*  
*port*.

W H E R E A S many Inhabitants of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, after having suffered every Evil and Insult, from the wanton Cruelty of our Enemies ; and from affluent and comfortable Circumstances, are reduced to the most distressing Necessity for the common Supports of Life ; and are now by them (in order if possible to render their Distresses more aggravated) thrust out from their late comfortable and peaceable Dwellings at this approaching inclement Season, destitute of the Means of Support and Subsistence, and permitted to come off to the Main, to seek Asylum and Succours among their Brethren ; whereby we are called upon, by every Motive of Compassion, to extend that Humanity towards them we would wish to find under similar unhappy Circumstances.

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I N order therefore to provide for their Relief, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Peleg Clarke*, Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Mr. *Pettis*, and Mr. *Hezekiah Dayton*, of *Providence*; Capt. *Benjamin Almy*, of *Taunton*; *William Channing*, Esq; of *Dighton*; *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; of *Mendon*; Mr. *Lemuel Wyatt*, of *Rehoboth*; Mr. *Thomas Rumreil*, and Mr. *Robert Stevens*, jun. of *East-Greenwich*; Mr. *Constant Taber*, of *Tiverton*; Mr. *George Champlin*, of *South-Kingstown*; Mr. *Daniel Rogers*, of *Westerly*; Mr. *Benjamin Cozzens*, of *Charlestown*; Mr. *Peter Cozzens*, of *North-Kingstown*; Messieurs *Oliver Ring Warner* and *Jonathan Otis*, of *Middletown*, in the State of *Connecticut*; and Mr. *Samuel Brown*, of *Boston*, be a Committee to take a regular list of all Persons and their Families, who have already come off, and shall hereafter come off from *Rhode-Island*; and particularly of such as need Assistance for Support, and make Returns to the General Assembly or Council of War, from Time to Time, of their Names, and in what Towns they are received: That the said Committee solicit Donations from the charitable Inhabitants of our sister States, and all other well-disposed Persons, and distribute what they can by that Means collect, as well as what may be granted by this General Assembly from Time to Time, as equitably as they can to the several Town-Councils of the Towns where our suffering Brethren may reside, to be delivered out to them under their Direction, and according to their Necessities.

A N D it is hereby most earnestly recommended to the Town-Councils of the several Towns within this State, as soon as may be after the Rising of this Assembly, to transmit to Capt. *Peleg Clarke*, late of *Newport*, now residing at *Providence*, an Account of what Numbers of the Inhabitants aforesaid there are now residing in their respective Towns, and what Numbers more they can comfortably accommodate with Dwelling-Places, during the coming Winter, on Receipt of which from any Town, the said Committee shall assist in removing to many as they think proper to such Town, as soon as possible.

A N D for their more immediate Relief, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Peleg Clarke*, in Behalf of the said Committee, be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of One Thousand Pounds lawful Money, to be appropriated as aforesaid.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee cause fair Accounts to be kept of all Monies, and other Things received by Donations, and drawn from the Treasury

Treasury of this State, and of the Expenditures of the same, and account for their Conduct and Doings to the General Assembly, when called upon for that Purpose : The said Committee having generously undertaken to transact the aforesaid Business *gratis*.

*AND it is Ordered*, That a Copy hereof be published in the next *Providence Gazette*, and transmitted to each of the Members of the Committee appointed to solicit Donations.

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*P. Gray to dispose of the State's Flax-Seed.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Pardon Gray*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to dispose of the Flax-Seed in his Care belonging to the State, for the best Price he can get : That he do not dispose of the same at a less Price than Twenty-four Shillings *per* Bushel, exclusive of the Cask : That he also sell the Casks for the best Price he can; giving the first Refusal of the Seed and Casks to the Deputy Quarter-Master-General for public Service ; and that he pay the Monies thence arising into the General-Treasury, as soon as may be after the Sale thereof, and Report his Doings to the General Assembly at the next Session.

*W. Channing allowed £ 14 6 s.*

WHEREAS *William-Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to attend on this Assembly at the last Session in *East-Greenwich*, as Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Nine Pounds Ten Shillings lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury ; as also the further Sum of Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings lawful Money, as an additional Allowance for his Attendance at the Two last Sessions.

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*An ACT for enquiring into the rateable Property of this State, and for taking a just Estimate thereof, in order that the Rates and Taxes may be equally assessed upon the Inhabitants.*

*Act for taking an Estimate.*

WHEREAS there hath been a great Alteration of the Value of the rateable Property, within the Towns of this State, since the last general Estimate or Valuation of Estates was taken : Wherefore,

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*B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Philip Taylor, Esq; Ezek Hopkins, Esq; Rowse J. Helme, Esq; Nathan Miller, Esq; and Mr. Thomas Holden, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby constituted a Committee, and directed to proceed into every Town within this State, and take a true and perfect Account of all such Estates, lying and being therein, as are by this Act hereafter declared to be rateable, according to the best of their Skill and Understanding, that is to say, containing an Account of all Male Polls of Twenty-one Years old and upwards, except settled Ministers of the Gospel, Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, in the Continental Service, for Three Years or during the War, who are exempted from paying the Poll-Tax; of all real Estates, improved or not improved, and the just Value of the same, by whom occupied or possessed, whether in his own Right, or in the Right of others, particularly mentioning Lands, Dwelling-Houses, Distil-Houses, Sugar-Houses, Rope-Walks, Ware-Houses, and all other Buildings, Wharves, Grist-Mills, Paper-Mills, Fulling-Mills, Saw-Mills and all other Mills, Spermaceti-Works, Lime-Kilns, Tan-Yards, Furnaces, Forges, and all other Iron-Works, Pot-Ash and Pearl-Ash Works, Soap Manufactories, Tallow-Chandler's Works, Salt-Works, and all other Works for the manufacturing or making any other Kind of Salts; all Ore Mines, all Indian, Negro and Mulatto Slaves, from Ten to Fifty Years of Age; trading Stock, Ships and Vessels of all Kinds, whether at Sea or not, together with all their Appurtenances and Appendages; Money in possession, of their own Property or at Interest; all Securities of any and every Kind, for the Payment of Money, or Goods, Wares or Merchandize; all Debts due to them without Interest, and also all Monies and Securities of every Kind which any Person may be possessed of as Agent, Executor, Administrator, or Guardian, to any other Person; wrought Plate, Coaches, Chariots, Phaetons, Chaises, Chairs, and all other Carriages and Vehicles not used and designed for the Conveniency of Husbandry, or for the transporting of Goods, Wares and Merchandize; Horses and Mares from Six Months old and upwards, at their respective Values; all horned Cattle from Two Months old and upwards, at their Value; Goats and Sheep from Six Months old and upwards, at their Value. Swine from Three Months old and upwards, at their Value. And the said Committee in taking the said Account shall distinguish the different Improvement of Lands, and return the same in the following Manner, viz. The Number of Acres of Pasture, the Number of Acres of tillage Land, the Number of Acres of Orchard, the Number of Acres of Salt-Marsh and Sedge, the Number of Acres of*

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fresh Meadow and *English* mowing Land, and the Number of Acres of Wood-Land and all other out Lands, and also what Stock each Pasture is ordinarily capable of feeding, and what Quantity of Produce the said tillage, mowing and orchard Land yearly affords, taking one Year with another: All and every of which aforesaid Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Vessels, Monies, Securities, Debts, Wares and Merchandize, are and shall be accounted rateable, and are to be appraised at their full Value, whether the said rateable personal Property be removed without the Limits of this State or not.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Tenants or Persons in possession of Estates shall give an Account of the same; and that where Lands are not in possession of any particular Person or Persons, said Committee shall give an Account of them according to the best of their Judgment, and estimate the Value thereof.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee aforesaid shall, before they enter upon the Business aforesaid, before a Judge of the Superior Court, or one of the Assistants, take the following Oath: "I A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will well and truly execute the Trust reposed in me, for taking an Estimate of Estates, according to the beil of my Skill and Abilities, without Favor or Partiality. So help me God."*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee aforesaid, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized, directed and empowered, to call before them any Person or Persons who shall neglect to appear, to render an Account of his, her or their Estates, and if he, she or they, shall refuse to give an Account under Oath of the Estate they shall be possessed of, that the said Committee, or the major Part of them, shall put such Value upon his, her or their Estate, as they shall think fit, and the Person or Persons who shall neglect or refuse in Manner as aforesaid, shall in all future Rates be taxed twofold the Valuation put upon his, her or their Estates by the Committee aforesaid, or the major Part of them.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee aforesaid, or any or either of them, be and they are hereby authorized, directed and empowered, to administer to each and every Person who shall exhibit an Account of their rateable Estates, the following Oath or Affirmation, viz.*  
*"You*

“ You *A. B.* in the Presence of the Almighty God, do  
 “ solemnly swear (or affirm) that the List by you here pre-  
 “ sented contains, according to the best of your Knowledge  
 “ and Belief, a just, true and full Account of all your rateable  
 “ Estate; and that you have not, directly or indirectly, made  
 “ any false or feigned Conveyances of any Part of your Estate,  
 “ in order to conceal or lessen the real Value of what you  
 “ are Worth, or to elude or evade the Intent or Design of an  
 “ Act made and passed in the General Assembly in *October,*  
 “ *A. D.* 1778, for taking an Estimate of the rateable Property  
 “ in this State. So help you God. Or upon the Peril of the  
 “ Penalty of Perjury.”

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Person who shall exhibit an Account of his or her rateable Estate, may likewise exhibit an Account of all the Debts they justly owe, unto the Committee aforesaid, or the major Part of them, who may, if they think the same just and right, deduct the same from his or her rateable personal Estate.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee aforesaid shall give Notice to the Inhabitants of each Town, at least Ten Days before they shall go into such Town, of the Time and Place when and where they will attend for the said Purpose, by setting up Notifications in Three or more public Places in such Town.

*A N D* the said Committee are fully empowered to summon and have before them any Person or Persons whomsoever, and examine them upon Oath or Affirmation, also to send for any Papers or Records, in order to procure a true Knowledge of the rateable Estates of the Inhabitants; and all Persons summoned, together with the Officer summoning, shall be paid for their Attendance by the Towns to which they respectively belong.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee shall make a Return of the Names of such Person or Persons as are by this Act subject to pay a twofold Tax, to the Town-Clerk of the Town to which he, she or they belong, who shall deliver the same to the Assessors of Rates for such Town.

*A N D* it is further Enacted, That the said Committee proceed upon the Business the next Spring, and finish the same, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as be: And that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Act to each Town-Clerk within this State, and to each of the Committee. *I T*

*J. Waite* to  
draw £ 200.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Waite* be and he is hereby empowered to draw Two Hundred Pounds lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for supplying the Families of Officers and Soldiers in the Town of *South-Kingstown*.



*An ACT assessing and apportioning a Rate or Tax of Thirty Thousand Pounds lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.*

Act assessing  
and apportion-  
ing a Tax of  
£ 30,000.

*BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That a Tax of Thirty Thousand Pounds lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of January next, in Bills of public Credit emitted by the Congress.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That the Poll-Tax be Fifteen Shillings, that is, Sixpence upon every Thousand Pounds. And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years old and upwards, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions, and those enlisted by this State for Twelve Months, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners on board any armed Vessels in the Service of the Continent, or of this State, shall pay the Poll-Tax.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the several Towns in the following Proportion, to wit :*

|                          |        |    |    |               |
|--------------------------|--------|----|----|---------------|
| <i>Tiverton,</i>         | £ 1401 | 12 | 0  |               |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i>   | 1251   | 13 | 4  |               |
|                          | <hr/>  |    |    | £ 2653 5 4    |
| <i>Providence,</i>       | 2439   | 7  | 0  |               |
| <i>Smithfield,</i>       | 2046   | 9  | 10 |               |
| <i>Scituate,</i>         | 1607   | 14 | 6  |               |
| <i>Gloucester,</i>       | 1381   | 2  | 11 |               |
| <i>Cumberland,</i>       | 773    | 10 | 3  |               |
| <i>Cranston,</i>         | 1358   | 17 | 3  |               |
| <i>Johnston,</i>         | 602    | 11 | 3  |               |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 509    | 10 | 1  |               |
|                          | <hr/>  |    |    | 10,719 3 1    |
| <i>Westerly,</i>         | 1137   | 15 | 11 |               |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i>  | 1859   | 4  | 10 |               |
|                          |        |    |    | <i>South.</i> |



|                  |        |    |    |          |     |
|------------------|--------|----|----|----------|-----|
| South-Kingstown, | £ 3582 | 7  | 3  |          |     |
| Charlestown,     | 538    | 11 | 11 |          |     |
| Richmond,        | 762    | 17 | 3  |          |     |
| Hopkinton,       | 1020   | 14 | 6  |          |     |
| Exeter,          | 1054   | 12 | 1  |          |     |
|                  | <hr/>  |    |    | £ 10,356 | 3 9 |
| Bristol,         | 751    | 14 | 3  |          |     |
| Warren,          | 388    | 15 | 0  |          |     |
| Barrington,      | 438    | 15 | 5  |          |     |
|                  | <hr/>  |    |    | 1579     | 4 8 |
| Warwick,         | 1950   | 1  | 8  |          |     |
| East-Greenwich,  | 989    | 8  | 8  |          |     |
| West-Greenwich,  | 755    | 14 | 11 |          |     |
| Coventry,        | 996    | 17 | 11 |          |     |
|                  | <hr/>  |    |    | 4692     | 3 2 |
|                  | <hr/>  |    |    | £ 30,000 | 0 0 |

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns, which shall not pay in their Proportions of said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid: And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer.

*A N D* be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: And the said Town-Clerk is directed and hereby required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Collectors of Rates of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay  
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into the General-Treasury. their Proportions of said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of said Tax, immediately after said First Day of *January* next, which Execution shall be returnable in Thirty Days.

*A N D* be it further *Enacted*, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court in the County where such Bond or Security shall be taken. And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts are allowed by Law; and the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

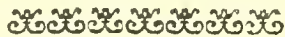
*A N D* be it further *Enacted*, That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in this State be and they are hereby required, to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer and Collector of Rates of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

*A N D* be it further *Enacted*, That any Town which shall collect and pay into the General-Treasury, before the Time limited in this Act for the Payment thereof, the Sum assessed upon said Town, or any Part thereof, the General-Treasurer is empowered, and hereby directed, to pay Interest at Six *per Cent. per Annum* thereof, from the Time it shall be paid into the Treasury, until the First Day of *January* aforesaid, which Interest shall be by the Collector paid into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Use of such Towns respectively.

*A N D* be it further *Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if it shall appear by the Estimate which is to be taken of the Valuation of Estates within this State, that any Town therein shall be over-taxed, that it shall and may be in the Power of each Town so over-burthened, to deduct the same out of the Tax assessed upon the Inhabitants, agreeable to the said Estimate, and pay the same into their Town-Treasury, for the Benefit of such Town. And if it shall appear by said Estimate, that any Town hath not by the aforesaid Proportion been taxed up to its Value, that the Deficiency shall be laid upon such Town in the next Tax, made after said Estimate shall be received and established.

*A N D*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.*



**T H E** General Assembly having the highest Sense of the good Conduct and gallant Behaviour of Major *Silas Talbut* and Lieutenant *William Helme*, and the Rest of the brave Officers and Soldiers who attacked and took the Enemy's armed Galley, lying in the East Passage, *Do Resolve*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be given unto them, for the signal Service done their Country in capturing the said Vessel; and that a Copy of this Resolve be transmitted to the said Major *Talbut*.

Thanks given  
to Major *Talbut*,  
&c.



**W H E R E A S** the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been holden at *Providence* the First *Monday* of *October* last, and at *East-Greenwich* on the Third *Monday* of *October* last, as also the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Newport*, which was to have been held in *July* last, did not sit, by Reason of the Non-Attendance of the Justices of said Courts: Wherefore, *Resolved*, That all Business which was pending at said Superior Court for the County of *Providence*, be continued to the next *March* Term of said Court, then to be heard, tried and determined; and that the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. be held for the County of *Kent*, at *East-Greenwich*, on the Fourth *Monday* of *November* inst. That all Business pending before said Courts, be then heard and determined; and all Executions returnable to said Courts, be returned; and the Grand and Petit Jurors who were to have attended said Courts, attend at the Times at which they are now ordered to be holden.

Act regulating  
the Sitting of  
Superior and  
Inferior Courts,

*IT is further Resolved*, That all Business pending, and Executions returnable, before said Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Newport*, which was to have been held in *July* last, be heard and returned at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which will be held in said County as hereafter ordered.

*I T.*

October, 1778.

*IT is further Resolved*, That said Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, next to be holden in said County, be held at *Tiverton*, on the Second *Monday* of *January* next : And that Writs issued to said Court, and all Business pending before said Court, be then heard and determined, in the same Manner as if the said Court should sit at the Time affixed by Law ; and that Declarations and Answers be filed to the said Court on the Second Day of the Sitting of the same.

**ORDERED**, That this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette* : And that a Copy hereof be transmitted to each of the Town-Clerks of the Towns in the County of *Kent*, and to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport* ; and the said Town-Clerks are directed to issue Notifications to the Jurors to attend said Courts agreeable to this Resolution.

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*Adjournment.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of each County in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the last *Monday* of *December* next, then to convene at the State-House in *Providence*.

**G O D** save the United States of *America*.

**A true C O P Y**, duly examined

**W I T N E S S.**

*Henry Ward*

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C O U N C I L of W A R,

Made between the Sessions of the GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY held in *October* and *December*,  
1778.

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November 11, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the G O V E R N O R,

His Honor the D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R,

E S E K H O P K I N S, E s q ;  
J O H N J E N C K E S, E s q ;

J O S I A H H U M P H R Y, E s q ;

Mr. NATHANIEL MUMFORD is chosen Clerk *pro Tempore*.

**T** H E Honorable Major-General *Sullivan* having represented to this Council, that the Guard-Ship by him appointed for the Defence of the State, and now lying off *Field's-Point*, is demanded by the Owners ; that he thinks some Vessel necessary for the Security of the River ; and that he is of Opinion the Galley lately captured by Major *Talbot* will be a proper Vessel for that Purpose ; and thereupon desired the Advice of this Council, whether it will be proper to purchase the said Galley, which now lies in *Stonington*, and have her brought into this State for the Purpose aforesaid : Which being duly considered, *It is Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to Major-General *Sullivan* to purchase the aforesaid Galley, or any other Vessel that he shall think most suitable, for the above mentioned Purpose.

*Gen. Sullivan*  
advised to  
purchase the  
Galley lately  
taken from  
the Enemy.

*It is Resolved*, at the Request of General *Sullivan*, That a Committee be appointed to advise with him; in the Recess of this Council, concerning what Inhabitants, coming from *Newport*, shall be admitted, and who shall be sent back : And that his Honor. the Deputy-Governor, *John Jenckes*, Esq; and *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; be the said Committee.

Committee to  
advise with  
*Gen. Sullivan*  
respecting  
Persons  
coming from  
*Newport*.

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November





November 30, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the G O V E R N O R,

His Honor the D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

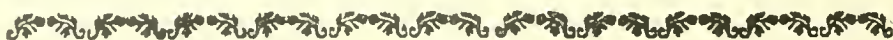
ESEK HOPKINS, Esq;  
JOHN JENCKES, Esq;  
JOSHUA BABCOCK, Esq;

JOB COMSTOCK, Esq;  
JOSIAH HUMPHRY, Esq;  
JONATHAN HAZARD, Esq;

WILLIAM CODDINGTON, Esq; is chosen Clerk of this Council.

D. Q. M. G. *IT is Resolved*, That Col. *Ephraim Bowen*, Deputy Quarter-Master-allowed to General for this Department, be and he is hereby permitted to dispose sell Horses at of a Number of Horses belonging to the United States, at public public Sale. Vendue.

J. Smith de- *IT is Resolved*, That the Clerk write to *John Smith*, Esq; and request him to appear before this Council, and give Information respecting a Parcel of Shoes, belonging to Col. *Little's* Regiment, of *Massachusetts-Bay*, which it is said were left in his Hands by *Daniel Caboon*, Esq;



December 1, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday.

Agent-Clo- WHEREAS *Daniel Caboon*, Esq; delivered to *John Smith*, Esq; thier to deli- one of the Committee of Safety, in *February* last, Thirty Pair of ver 30 Pair of Shoes, which belonged to Col. *Little's* Regiment, of the *Massachusetts-Shoes to Col. Bay*, for the Use of the Troops raised by this State : *It is therefore Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier in this State, deliver the same Number of Shoes to Col. *Wade*, for his Regiment, belonging also to the aforesaid State of *Massachusetts-Bay*.

J. Pierce al- *IT is Resolved*, That Mr. *Joshua Pierce* be and he is hereby empow- lowed £ 150. ered to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, as one of the Committee for supplying the Families of the Soldiers in *North-Kingstown*.

£ 2276 17 s. COL. *John Matthewson* having exhibited unto this Council an Abstract allowed to for the Bounty due to his Regiment, for the late Expedition to *Rhode-Col. Mat- Island* : And the said Abstract having been examined by the Auditor of thurson's Re- Accounts, who hath reported the same to be right, *It is therefore Resolved*, That

That *Two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Abstract, be paid to the said *John Matthewson*, out of the General-Treasury, to discharge the said Abstract.

Mr. *William Burton* having exhibited unto this Council an Account, *W. Burton* allowed £ 45  
by him charged against the State, for Thirty-six Pair of Yarn Stockings, delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion assigned to the Town of *Warren*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that *Forty-five Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Burton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds* Lawful Money be paid to Ser- Guard at  
jeant *Nathan Borden*, out of the General-Treasury, to discharge the *Warren* allowed £ 12  
Bounties due to the Guard doing Duty at *Warren*.

*It is Resolved*, That *Eleven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence* Law- *E. Gorton* al-  
ful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Edward Gorton*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Kent*, for delivering *lowed £ 11*  
Acts of the General Assembly to the Town-Clerks, &c. in the said *12 s. 6 d.*  
County, and for other Services.

*It is Resolved*, That *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and *E. Gorton* al-  
paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Caleb Gorton*, for carting a *lowed 12 s.*  
Load of Beef, in *December, 1776*, for the Use of the Troops.

*It is Resolved*, That *Fifty-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence* Law- *R. Smith* al-  
ful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Richard* *lowed £ 59*  
*Smith*, Esq; for Forty-seven Pair of Stockings, delivered by him to the *4 s. 4 d.*  
Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion assigned to the Town of *Bristol*.

*It is Resolved*, That *Three Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, and *And £ 3.*  
paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the  
County of *Bristol*, for warning the Deputies in the said County to sit  
in General Assembly, &c.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to act in the Recess of the General *J. Jenckes* al-  
Assembly, requested *John Jenckes*, Esq; to become Bail for *John Morgan*, *lowed £ 8*  
a Soldier in the Service of this State, in a Suit brought against him by *13 s.*  
*Thomas Burkitt*, and promised to indemnify him therefor: And whereas  
an Execution hath been issued thereon against the said *John*, and returned  
“ Neither Body nor Estate to be found:” *It is therefore Resolved*, That  
*Eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out  
of the General-Treasury, to the said *John Jenckes*, to discharge the said  
Execution.

*It is Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money *W. Mumford*  
be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *William Mumford*, *allowed £ 9*  
Esq; for his Services as Clerk of this Council, *12 s.*

MR

*M. Manchester*  
 allowed  
 £ 239 11 11  
 5 d. 1

Mr. *Matthew Manchester* having exhibited unto this Council an Account, by him charged against the State, for Provisions by him furnished for the Troops, in *December, 1776*, and *January, 1777*, for the Expences thereon, and the Wages of himself and his Clerk : And the Auditor of Accounts having examined and reported upon the same : *It is therefore Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed ; and that *Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fivepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Matthew Manchester*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Carter* al-  
 lowed £ 90  
 19 1.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Ninety Pounds Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *John Carter*, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly, in *December, 1777*, and divers other Acts of the General Assembly, and Orders of this Council, &c.

*J. Arnold* al-  
 lowed £ 44  
 9 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Forty-four Pounds and Ninepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Major *John Arnold*, for making Cartridges for the Use of the Troops, in *January, May* and *September, 1777*.

*G. Mumford*  
 allowed £ 2  
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*IT is Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; for Two Pair of Yarn Stockings, for the Soldiers, &c.

*J. Babcock's*  
 Receipt to the  
 General-  
 Treasurer dis-  
 charged.

WHEREAS *Josbua Babcock*, Esq; received of the General-Treasurer *Six Hundred and Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be delivered to the Town-Treasurer of *Westerly*, for the Payment of the Bounties to the Soldiers raised by that Town ; and hath produced to this Council a Receipt for the same from *David Maxson*, Town-Treasurer of the said Town : *It is therefore Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer receive and enter the said Receipt of *David Maxson*, and deliver to the said *Josbua Babcock* the Receipt given by him.

*A. Bennet* al-  
 lowed £ 206  
 13 1. 8 d.

THE Auditor of Accounts having laid before this Council the following State of the Account of Mr. *Abel Bennet*, of *Coventry*, and Report, to wit :

|                                                                        |   |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| State of <i>Rhode-Island, &amp;c.</i> to <i>Abel Bennet</i> , Dr.      |   |                 |
| For supplying the Families of the Soldiers in the Continental Service. |   |                 |
| <i>John Roberts's</i> Family,                                          | £ | 89 15 9         |
| <i>William Nichols's</i> Family,                                       |   | 75 16 0         |
| <i>James Morse's</i> Family,                                           |   | 70 11 0         |
|                                                                        |   | <hr/>           |
|                                                                        |   | 236 2 9         |
| Commissions, at <i>Two and an Half</i> per Cent.                       |   | 5 18 0          |
|                                                                        |   | <hr/>           |
|                                                                        |   | 242 0 9         |
|                                                                        |   | <hr/>           |
| Supra Cr.                                                              |   |                 |
| By Cash received of <i>John Roberts</i> ,                              |   | 13 3 8          |
| By Ditto of <i>William Nichols</i> ,                                   |   | 12 0 7          |
| By Ditto of <i>James Morse</i> ,                                       |   | 10 2 10         |
|                                                                        |   | <hr/>           |
|                                                                        |   | 35 7 1          |
| Balance due to <i>Abel Bennet</i> ,                                    |   | 206 13 8        |
|                                                                        |   | <hr/>           |
|                                                                        | £ | 242 0 9         |
|                                                                        |   | <i>December</i> |



December 1, 1778. Examined the above Account. compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and find the Balance *Two Hundred and Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eightpence* due to the said *Abel Bennet*.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD. Auditor.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that *Two Hundred and Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *Abel Bennet*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Resolved*, That Mr. *Abel Bennet* be empowered to draw *Sixty And £60.* Pounds Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Families of the Continental Soldiers in the Town of *Coventry*.

In Addition to, and for the better executing, the Act of the General Assembly, passed at the Session held in *October* last, for the Relief of poor Persons who have left *Newport*, *It is Resolved*, That Mr. *William Min- turn*, late an Inhabitant of *Newport*, now residing at *Nantucket*, and Mr. *Benjamin Church*, also late an Inhabitant of *Newport*, now residing in *Providence*, be added to the Committee appointed in the said Act to solicit and receive Donations: And that any Two of the said Committee, with Mr. *Peleg Clarke*, the Chairman, be a Quorum.

Order re-  
specting the  
Poor of  
*Newport*.

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December 2, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday, with the Addition of *Pardon Gray*, and *John Northup*, Esquires.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Sixty Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Christopher Sheldon*, for the Wharfage of the Ship *Aurora*, and Storage of a Quantity of Oil, belonging to the State.

C. Sheldon al-  
lowed £ 60  
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*IT is Resolved*, That *Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the aforesaid *Christopher Sheldon*, as one of the Town-Council of *Providence*, for a Blanket delivered one of the Militia upon Duty, in *January* last.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Eighteen Pounds Nine Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Stephen Davis*, in full Satisfaction for the Wharfage of the Sloop *Diamond*, belonging to the State, from *February 10*, to *October 16*, 1778.

S. Davis al-  
lowed £ 18  
9 "

*IT is Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Twenty-four Pounds Nine Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *Alexander Thomas*, to discharge the Bounties due to his Company, being Part of Col. *Cooke's* Regiment, for doing Duty at *Tiverton*, from *November 10*, 1777, to *February 6*, 1778.

A. Thomas's  
Company al-  
lowed £ 124  
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*D. Vaughan's* *IT is Resolved, That Ninety-two Pounds Lawful Money be allowed,*  
*Company al-* and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *Daniel Vaughan*, to dis-  
*lowed £ 92.* charge the Bounties due to his Company, for doing Duty in the lower  
 Fort at *Howland's Ferry*, from the 24th of *December*, 1777, to the 24th  
 of *March* following.

*E. Simmons's* *IT is Resolved, That Forty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money*  
*Company al-* be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *Ephraim*  
*lowed £ 44* *Simmons*, to discharge the Bounties due to the Third Division of his  
*16 s.* Company, being Part of Col. *Cooke's* Regiment, for doing Duty as  
 Guards at *Little-Compton*, from *November 9*, to *December 6*, 1778.

*C. Harris al-* *IT is Resolved, That Caleb Harris, Esq; Overseer of the Powder-*  
*lowed £ 300.* Mill, be empowered to draw *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, out  
 of the General-Treasury, to pay the Workmen at the said Mill.

*Powder-Mill* *IT is Resolved, That Caleb Harris, Esq; stop the Powder-Mill until*  
*stopped.* further Orders from the General Assembly, or this Council.

*A. Sweet al-* *IT is Resolved, That Seventy-five Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful*  
*lowed £ 75* Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Angell*  
*12 s.* *Sweet*, for Sixty Pair of Yarn Stockings, by him delivered to the Agent-  
 Clothier.

*W. T. Miller* *IT is Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Sixteen Shil-*  
*allowed* lings and Fourpence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the  
*£ 136 16 s.* General-Treasury, to *William Turner Miller, Esq;* in full of his Account  
*4 d.* for supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Warren* to the  
 23d of *November* last.

*And £ 100.* *IT is Resolved, That William Turner Miller, Esq; be empowered to*  
 draw *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, to  
 supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Warren*.

*E. Bennet al-* *IT is Resolved, That Ten Pounds Lawful Money be allowed, and paid*  
*lowed £ 10.* out of the General-Treasury, to *Edward Bennet*, a Soldier in the late Col.  
*Hitchcock's* Regiment, who lost an Arm in the Service, in full for his  
 Half-Pay for Ten Months past to this Day.

*A. Holden al-* *IT is Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Nineteen Shillings*  
*lowed £ 120* and Twopence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-  
*19 s. 2 d.* Treasury, for Ninety-six Pair of Yarn Stockings delivered by him to the  
 Agent-Clothier.

*H. Tanner al-* *IT is Resolved, That Ninety Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence*  
*lowed £ 90* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to  
*14 s. 4 d.* *Henry Tanner*, for Seventy-two Pair of Stockings, by him delivered to  
 the Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion of the Town of *West-Greenwich*.

*December*

December 3. 1778

## P R E S E N T.

The same Members as Yesterday.

*IT is Resolved*, That Messieurs *Sylvester Child, Cromel Child, Thomas S. Child, &c.* be permitted to dispose of, at public Sale, at Providence, a Parcel of Rigging and Blocks belonging to them. *allowed to sell Rigging at Vendue.*

*IT is Resolved*, That Fifty-four Pounds Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mrs. *Hope Hawkins*, for boarding two Frenchmen employed in superintending and repairing the Powder-Mill. *H. Hawkins allowed £54.*

*IT is Resolved*, That Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; being the Sum he advanced to *Thomas Thompson*, for paying Bounties to, and enlisting Soldiers. *J. Babcock allowed £ 33*

*IT is Resolved*, That Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Messieurs *Peter Mumford* and *Benjamin Mumford*, for riding Post to and from *Exeter*, in *New-Hampshire*, the last Four Months and an Half, including their extraordinary Expences. *P. and B. Mumford allowed £ 360.*

*IT is Resolved*, That Col. *Robert Elliot* be and he is hereby directed to pay One Hundred and Seventeen Dollars into the General-Treasury, being the Sum he received from *Levi Pierce*, a Soldier who deserted, and was sentenced by a Court-Martial to pay the same. *R. Elliot to pay 117 Dollars into the General-Treasury.*

*IT is Resolved*, That Forty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Benjamin Tillinghast*, Esq; for the Use of the Town of *West-Greenwich*, for Provisions supplied by the Town-Council to their Militia going upon the intended Expedition to *Rhode-Island*, in October, 1777. *West-Greenwich allowed £ 48 9.*

THE Auditor of Accounts having laid before this Council the following State of the Accounts of *Benjamin Tillinghast*, Esq; and Report, to wit :

The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* to *Benjamin Tillinghast*, Dr.  
For supplying the Families of the Soldiers in *West-Greenwich*, to wit :

|                                   |   |     |    |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----|----|---|
| <i>Michael Stafford's Family,</i> | £ | 95  | 10 | 7 |
| <i>Dutée Jerauld's Ditto,</i>     |   | 92  | 10 | 3 |
| <i>Thomas Andrews's Ditto,</i>    |   | 102 | 14 | 6 |
| <i>John Bently's Ditto,</i>       |   | 71  | 3  | 3 |
| <i>Samuel Jordan's Ditto,</i>     |   | 72  | 0  | 0 |

Commissions at Two and an Half per Cent.

|   |        |    |    |
|---|--------|----|----|
|   | 433    | 18 | 7  |
|   | 10     | 16 | 11 |
| £ | 444    | 15 | 6  |
|   | Supra. |    |    |

| Supra. Cr.                                             |   |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|
| By Cash received of <i>Michael Stafford</i> ,          | £ | 15 11 3    |
| By Ditto of <i>Dutee Jerauld</i> ,                     |   | 12 12 7    |
| By Ditto of <i>Thomas Andrews</i> ,                    |   | 14 7 0     |
| By Ditto of <i>John Bently</i> ,                       |   | 10 6 5     |
| By Ditto of <i>Samuel Jordan</i> ,                     |   | 10 12 8    |
| By under Credit in <i>Michael Stafford's Account</i> , |   | 1 13 4     |
|                                                        |   | <hr/>      |
|                                                        |   | 65 3 3     |
| Balance due to <i>Benjamin Tillingbast</i> ,           |   | 379 12 3   |
|                                                        |   | <hr/>      |
|                                                        |   | £ 444 15 6 |

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| <i>Benjamin Tillingbast</i> , Esq; with the State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. Dr.                                 |     |           |
| To Balance due to the State on a former Settlement of                                                              | } £ | 639 16 0  |
| Accounts, for Money he received out of the General-Treasury, to enlist Men for the Town of <i>West-Greenwich</i> , |     |           |
| Balance due to <i>Benjamin Tillingbast</i> ,                                                                       |     | 323 11 5  |
|                                                                                                                    |     | <hr/>     |
|                                                                                                                    |     | £ 963 7 5 |

| Supra. Cr.                                                                 |  |       |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|-----|-----|
| By Cash paid the General-Treasurer per Receipt,                            |  | 499   | 16  | 8   |
| By Ditto,                                                                  |  | 83    | 18  | 6   |
| By the Balance of the Account for supplying the Families }<br>of Soldiers, |  | 379   | 12  | 3   |
|                                                                            |  | <hr/> |     |     |
|                                                                            |  | £     | 963 | 7 5 |

THE Balance that now appears to be due upon this Account to *Benjamin Tillingbast*, Esq; is *Three Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fivepence*.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD, Auditor.

*B. Tillingbast* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the Balance therein mentioned, being *Three Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Benjamin Tillingbast*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Tillingbast*  
allowed  
£ 223 11 s.  
5 d.

*E. Perry* and *IT is Resolved*, That *Edward Perry*, his three Sons, and *John Friend*, others allowed to go to *Newport*. who were captured in a Fishing-Boat belonging to *Newport*, be permitted to return there to their Families, under the Direction of the Honorable Major-General *Sullivan*.

The Widow of *Z. Woodward* allowed £ 16. It appearing to this Council, by a Certificate from Capt. *Coggeshall Olney*, that *Sixteen Pounds* Bounty-Money was due to *Zephaniab Woodward*, a Soldier in his Company, in the late Col. *Hitchcock's* Regiment, who was in the Battle of *Trenton*, and hath not since been heard of: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Sixteen Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the Widow of the said *Zephaniab Woodward*.

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*IT is Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to appraise Negroes *L. Latbam's* inlisting into Col. *Greene's* Regiment, appraise a Negro Man belonging *Negro to be* to Mrs. *Lydia Latbam*, of *Groton*, who hath inlisted into the said Regi- *appraised, and* ment, and give a Certificate of their Appraisement to *John Updike*, Esq; *paid for to J. Updike.* who is hereby empowered to draw the Money he shall be appraised at, for the said *Lydia Latbam*, upon his giving Security to refund the same, in case it shall hereafter appear that the said Negro was not a Slave at the Time of his Inlistment.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Benjamin Tillingbass*, Esq; be empowered to *B. Tillingbass* draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General- *allowed* Treasury, to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in the *£ 150.* Town of *West-Greenwich* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*IT is Resolved*, That there be allowed, and paid out of the General- *C. Dyrs, D.* Treasury, to Col. *Charles Dyre*, Mr. *Daniel Tefft*, Capt. *Stephen Babcock*, *Tefft, S. Bab-* and Capt. *Christopher Gardner*, *Four Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money *cock, and C.* each; and to Capt. *Edward Carr*, and Lieutenant *John Weeden*, *Seven* *Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, for their Time and Expences, in at- *allowed £ 4* tending upon the Council of War, in Pursuance of an Order issued by *2 s. E. Carr* his Excellency *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; when Governor of this State. *and J. Wee-* *den allowed* *£ 7 6 s.*

*IT is Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Cotterell* be empowered to draw *One T. Cotterell* *Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, *allowed* to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in the Town of *Hopkin-* *£ 150.* *ton* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*IT is Resolved*, That Mr. *Aaron Simmons* be empowered to draw *A. Simmons* *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, *allowed* to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Little-Compton* with *£ 150.* Articles at the stated Prices.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Sevenpence T. Tillingbass* *Halfpenny* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General- *allowed* Treasury, to *Thomas Tillingbass*, Esq; for his Time, Horse-hire and Ex- *£ 29 2 s. 7 d ½.* pences, as one of the Committee appointed to appraise Slaves inlisting into the Continental Service.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Thomas Tillingbass*, Esq; pay *Ten Pounds* Law- *T. Tillingbass* ful Money into the General-Treasury, it being the Balance of his Account, *to pay £ 10* for Money he received out of the General-Treasury, to inlist Soldiers for *into the* the Town of *East-Greenwich*. *Treasury.*

*IT is Resolved*, That *Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money *G. Simmons* be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *George Sim-* *allowed £ 19* mons, for boarding and nursing Eight sick Soldiers belonging to Col. *12 s.* *Hawe's* Regiment, of *Massachusetts-Bay*, in *October*, 1777.

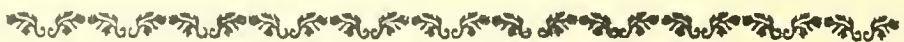
*IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty-five Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, *E. Thompson* and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Lieutenant *Elias Thompson*, in *allowed £ 25.* full Satisfaction for the Articles he was entitled to receive for his Family at the stated Prices, from the Fifteenth Day of *June* last, to the Fifteenth of *November* last.



*J. Cross* allowed £ 105 16 s. 9 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Joseph Cross*, for *Eighty-four Pair of Stockings* by him delivered to the Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion of the Town of *Charlestown*.

Cloathing to be delivered to *Gen. Cornell's Brigade*. *IT is Resolved*, That the Agent-Clothier deliver, for the Use of the Soldiers in the Brigade raised by this State, under the Command of *General Cornell*, *Fifty Shirts*, and *One Hundred Pair of Shoes*, in Addition to those already ordered; that they be delivered to the several Regimental Paymasters, and be distributed by them to the Soldiers, according to the Directions of *General Cornell*; and that they be charged to the Persons receiving them.

*J. Arnold* allowed £ 100. *IT is Resolved*, That *Mr. John Arnold* be empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Warwick*.



December 4, 1779.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday.

*O. Jenckes* pay £ 56 3 s. into the Treasury. *IT is Resolved*, That *Lieutenant Oliver Jenckes* pay into the General-Treasury *Fifty-six Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money; it being the Balance of his Account for Money he received for the recruiting Service, in the Year 1777.

*W. Humphries* to pay £ 38 2 s. into the Treasury. *IT is Resolved*, That *Capt. William Humphries* pay *Thirty-eight Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money into the General-Treasury; it being the Balance of his Account for Money he received for the recruiting Service, in *March, 1777*.

Auditor's Report upon *A. Crary's* Account. THE Auditor of Accounts having examined the Accounts of *Col. Archibald Crary* with the State, and reported that he found the same exactly balanced; which being duly considered, *It is Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted.

*J. Waite* allowed £ 183 14 s. 2 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. John Waite*; it being the Balance of his Account for supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *South-Kingstown* with Articles at the stated Prices.

And £ 150. *IT is Resolved*, That *Mr. John Waite* be empowered to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *South-Kingstown* with Articles at the stated Prices.

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*IT is Resolved, That Ninety Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence* *J. Woodman* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Joseph Woodman*, for Seventy-two Pair of Stockings delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier. <sup>allowed £ 90 14 s. 4 d.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Eighteen Shil-* *M. Dawley* ings and *Threepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Michael Dawley*, for Ninety-six Pair of Stockings delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion of the Town of *Exeter*. <sup>allowed £ 120 18 s. 3 d.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds One Shilling* *D. Bliven* and *Sevenpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Daniel Bliven*, for One Hundred and Eight Pair of Stockings delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion of the Town of *Westerly*. <sup>allowed £ 136 1 s. 7 d.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That Three Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mrs. *Abigail Durfee*, for a large Chest taken from her in *December, 1776*, to put Cartridges in for the Use of the Troops at *Tiverton*. <sup>allowed £ 3.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That Eleven Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money *W. Hart* be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *William Hart*, for trimming and setting Hoops upon Forty-seven Barrels of Turpentine, belonging to the State. <sup>allowed £ 11 18 s.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That Mr. Peleg Taber* pay *Twenty Shillings* into the General-Treasury, it being the Balance of his Account for a Musket he purchased of the State. <sup>*P. Taber* to pay 20 s. into the Treasury.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Col. *Nathan Miller*, for boarding *Walter Burdick*, who was wounded by the Enemy when they landed at *Warwick*, in *May* last. <sup>*N. Miller* allowed £ 4 16 s.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That Forty-eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Jonathan Macumber*, for nursing *Walter Burdick*, mentioned in the preceding Resolve. <sup>*J. Macumber* allowed £ 48 13 s.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *Edward Bliven*, to discharge the Bounties due to one Sixth Part of Col. *Noyes's* Regiment, who were upon Duty under his Command in *June, 1778*. <sup>*E. Bliven's* Abitrac, £ 129 12 s. allowed.</sup>

*IT is Resolved, That One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds Nireteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *James Arnold*, Town-Treasurer of *Providence*; it being the Amount of the Supplies afforded by that Town to several poor Persons who came from *Newport*. <sup>Town of *Providence* allowed £ 114 19 s. 10 d.</sup>

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*J. Kimbal* allowed £ 257 13 s. 11 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *Two Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Joseph Kimbal*; it being the Balance of his Account for supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Situate* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*P. Cross* allowed £ 20 13 s. 9 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Peleg Cross, Esq;* for Provisions, by him delivered to the Militia of *Charlestown*, when ordered to march upon the late Expedition to *Rhode-Island*.

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December 5, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday.

*R. Eddy* allowed £ 22 12 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Richard Eddy, Esq;* for boarding two *Frenchmen*, who superintended the repairing of the Powder-Mill.

*D. Kinnicut* allowed £ 56 13 s. 11 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *Fifty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Daniel Kinnicut*, for Forty-five Pair of Stockings by him delivered to the Agent-Clothier.

*Gen. Cornell* to deliver a Horse. to *J. Earle*. It appearing to this Council, that a Horse taken by the State from the Farm lately improved by *Charles Slocum*, now in Possession of Brigadier-General *Cornell*, is the Property of *Mr. Jacob Barney, jun. of Newport*: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the said Horse be delivered to *Mr. John Earle*, who is empowered to receive him in Behalf of the said *Jacob Barney, jun.*

*J. Davis* allowed £ 8 8 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Eight Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, for the Storage of the Sails of the Ship *Aurora*, belonging to the State.

*N. Smith* allowed £ 8 19 s. 6 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Noah Smith*, for carrying Warrants to *Bristol* and *Tiverton*, to warn the Members in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol* to meet in General Assembly, &c.

*J. Northup* to deliver Shoes, &c. to *Gen. Cornell*. *IT is Resolved*, That *John Northup, Esq;* deliver to Brigadier-General *Cornell*, or to his Order, all the Shoes and Leather in his Care, belonging to the State, for the Use of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates, in the Regiments under the Command of the Colonels *Elliot, Crary* and *Topham*; and that General *Cornell* account for the same to this Council.

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*IT is Resolved*, That Four Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Edward Saunders*, for carting Rice and Sugar to *Westerly*, for which that Town gave their Proportion of Flour and Iron. *E. Saunders*  
allowed £ 4  
10 s.

*IT is Resolved*, That Twenty Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; for carting the Proportion of Flour and Iron of the Town of *North-Providence*. *E. Hopkins*  
allowed 20 s.

Mr. *Samuel Yeates* having applied to this Council for Payment for a Quantity of Flour, which was taken in the Year 1777, for the Use of the Army; and it appearing that the said *Samuel Yeates* and *James Cabone*, Merchants in Company, were the Owners of One Fifth Part of the said Flour, being Five Hundred and Thirteen Barrels in the Whole: *It is therefore Resolved*, That it be recommended to *Peter Phillips*, Esq; who was, at the Time of taking the same, Deputy-Commissary General of this Department, to pay the Amount of the said Fifth Part of the said Flour, with Interest, to the said *Samuel Yeates*. *Yeates* and  
*Cabone* to re-  
ceive Pay-  
ment for  
Flour.

*IT is Resolved*, That Four Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and One Penny Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Peleg Cross*, Esq; it being the Balance of his Account, for supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Charlestown* with Articles at the stated Prices. *P. Cross* allow-  
ed £ 427 2 s.  
1 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That Two Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Elevenpence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Simeon Burdick*; it being the Balance of his Account, for supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Westerly* with Articles at the stated Prices. *S. Burdick*  
allowed £ 251  
15 s. 11 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That Seventy-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eightpence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Lieutenant *Anthony Holden*, to discharge the Bounties due to a Detachment of Col. *Waterman's* Regiment, who were upon Duty under his Command, from the 20th of *April*, to the 5th of *May* last. *A. Holden's*  
Abstract £ 74  
18 s. 8 d.  
allowed.

*IT is Resolved*, That One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Fourpence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to Col. *William West*, to discharge the Bounties due to his Regiment, who were upon Duty under his Command in *July* last. *Col. West's*  
Regiment  
allowed £ 155  
17 s. 4 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That Seventy-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Enoch Whipple*; it being the Balance of his Account, for supplying the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Gloucester* with Articles at the stated Prices. *E. Whipple*  
allowed £ 72  
18 s. 5 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That Mr. *Enoch Whipple* be empowered to draw One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Gloucester* with Articles at the stated Prices. And £ 150.



Inhabitants  
who have  
stolen or  
received war-  
like Stores,  
&c. to be  
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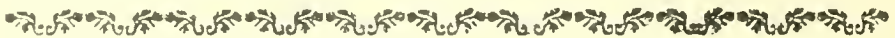
WHEREAS Major-General *Sullivan* hath represented unto this Council, that several of the Inhabitants of this State have been detected in fraudulently taking, and carrying away from the Redoubts, several Articles of warlike Stores, and also in buying and receiving from the Soldiery under his Command, Powder, Lead, and many Articles of Cloathing, &c. and requested the Advice of this Council with Respect to the Mode of trying those Offenders :

*IT is therefore Resolved*, That the said Offenders be tried before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, or before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, which shall be next holden within and for the County of *Providence*, and according to the Common and Statute Laws of this State

*IT is further Resolved*, That a Warrant be issued, and signed by the Clerk of this Council, directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, or his Deputy, commanding him to receive and keep in safe Custody all such Offenders as aforesaid, who shall be delivered to him by Major-General *Sullivan*, and also to apprehend all such Persons as shall be pointed out to him as guilty of any of the aforementioned Offences ; and to make Return of all such Persons to the said Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, or to the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden as aforesaid : And that the Clerk of the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace be immediately furnished with a Copy of these Resolves.

*D. Branch*  
allowed £ 10  
4 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Ten Pounds Four Skillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Daniel Branch*, for his Attendance upon this Council, and cleaning the State-House.

*E. Lewis*  
allowed £ 78  
10 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Seventy-eight Pounds Ten Skillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *Elijah Lewis*; it being the Balance of his Account, for Money he received for inlisting Men, in the Year 1777.



December 7, 1778.

R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

His Honor the DEPUTY-GOVERNOR,

ESEK HOPKINS, Esq;  
JOHN NORTHUP, Esq;  
JOSIAH HUMPHRY, Esq;

JONATHAN HAZARD, Esq;  
JOB COMSTOCK, Esq;

*J. Jenkins*  
allowed £ 27. *IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty seven Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr *John Jenkins*, for freight-  
ing with his Vessel Three Loads of Household Furniture, &c. from  
*Warwick*

*Warwick Neck to Providence*; being the Property of a Number of the Inhabitants of *Newport*, who came in a Flag of Truce which was wrecked at *Warwick Neck*

*IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty-seven Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, *W. Crapon* and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *William Crapon*, for freight- allowed ing with his Vessel Three Loads of Household Furniture, &c. from *War-* £ 27. *wick Neck to Providence*; being the Property of a Number of the Inhabitants of *Newport*, who came in a Flag of Truce which was wrecked at *Warwick Neck*.

*IT is Resolved*, That *Ninety-four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money *N. Mumford* be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Nathaniel* allowed *Mumford*, for his Services in auditing Accounts, from the 22d of *Sep-* £ 94 4. *tember* last, to this Day inclusive; and for Horse-hire to *South-Kingstown* to attend upon the General Assembly, in *October* last.

*IT is Resolved*, That Col. *William Barton* pay *Two Pounds Nineteen* *W. Barton* to *Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money into the General-Treasury; it pay £ 2 19 1. being the Balance of his Account, for Money he received out of the <sup>1 d.</sup> into the General-Treasury, in *April* last, to supply the *American Prisoners of War* Treasury. at *Newport* with Provisions.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Fenner* preferred a Petition and represented to *W. Fenner's* this Council, that in *September*, 1775, he entered into a Recognizance to *Fine* remitted. appear before the then next Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at *Providence*: That at the Time of the Sitting of the Court he could not possibly attend, by Reason of the distressed Situation of his Family; he having lost Four Children in a short Space of Time by Sicknefs: That the Court not knowing these Circumstances, declared his Recognizance forfeit, and entered Judgment against him, in Favour of the Governor and Company, for *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money, for which Execution hath been issued: That some Time after he entered into the Service of the State, for a Bounty of *Six Pounds*, and served Fifteen Months at *Forty Shillings per Month*: And that by Reason thereof, and the aforesaid Sicknefs in his Family, his Estate is greatly reduced: And thereupon he prayed that the said Forfeiture may be remitted, upon his paying all the Costs and Charges which have arisen thereon.

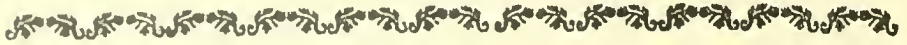
ON Consideration whereof,

*IT is Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted.

Col. *Robert Elliott* having laid before this Council a Ration-Bill, for Col. *Elliott's* Potatoes, and another for Sugar, for his Regiment; which having been *Regiment* examined by the Auditor of Accounts, who reported, that the Sum of <sup>lowed</sup> £ 236 *Two Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money is due <sup>14 1.</sup> thereon: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the said Sum be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the said *Robert Elliott*, for the Use of his said Regiment.

*IT is Resolved*. That *Aaron Man* be appointed Captain, *Levi Hoppen* First Officers ap- Lieutenant, *George Potter* Second Lieutenant, and *John Westcot* Ensign, of pointed. the

the Company formed by Major-General Sullivan, out of the Brigades raised by this State, for Twelve Months, and called his Life-Guards: That they be commissioned accordingly: And that their Commissions bear Date the Twenty-third of *October* last; being the Time from which they have exercised those Offices, by Order of the General.



December 8, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday, with the Addition of JOHN JENCKES, Esq;

*H. Gardner* allowed £ 4 2 s. *IT is Resolved*, That Four Pounds Two Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Lieutenant *Henry Gardner*, for his Expences in coming to *Providence* to compleat his Abstract.

*T. Lock* allowed £ 4 2 s. *IT is Resolved*, That Four Pounds Two Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Lieut. *Timothy Lock*, for his Expences in coming to *Providence* to compleat his Abstract.

Further Order concerning Shoes, &c. in *J. Northup's* Hands. In Addition to the Resolve of this Council of the 4th Instant, directing *John Northup*, Esq; to deliver a Parcel of Shoes and Leather to General *Cornell*; *It is further Resolved*, That the said *John Northup*, when he delivers the same, take a Receipt in the Name of *John Reynolds*, Esq; the Agent-Clothier: That upon his producing a Receipt on General *Cornell's* Order, the Agent-Clothier give him his Receipt therefor; and that the Agent-Clothier charge the same to the respective Battalions to which they shall be delivered.

*J. Reynolds* allowed £ 3000. *IT is Resolved*, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier, be empowered to draw Three Thousand Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to purchase Cloathing for the Three Battalions of this State, under the Command of General *Cornell*.

*M. Seamans* allowed £ 287 4 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Martin Seamans*, Esq; be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, Two Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money, for Two Hundred and Twenty-eight Pair of Stockings, delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier.

The Governor to write to Governor *Trumbull*. *IT is Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to write to the Governor of *Connecticut*, requesting him to permit Forage to be brought out of that State, for the Use of the Army in this Department.

*G. Thurston* allowed £ 88 4 s. *IT is Resolved*, That Eighty-eight Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *George Thurston*, for Seventy Pair of Stockings, delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier, being the Town of *Hopkinton's* Proportion.

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LIEUT. COL. *Thomas Potter* having represented to this Council, The Auditor that he hath a Number of Bounty-Abstracts which are unpaid, and cannot be paid until the Pay-Abstracts are passed by General *Sullivan*: to settle the *It is* Bounty Ab- *therefore Resolved*, That Mr. *Nataniel Mumford*, the Auditor of Accounts, stracts pre- be empowered to examine and pass the said Bounty-Abstracts, as soon as sented by T. the Pay-Abstracts shall be passed by General *Sullivan*: And that he be Potter. fully empowered to draw the Amount of the said Bounty-Abstracts out of the General-Treasury, and pay it to the said *Thomas Potter*, to discharge the same.

*It is Resolved*, That Mr. *Clarke Brown* be empowered to draw C. Brown al- *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, lowed £ 1 0. to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *East-Greenwich* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*It is Resolved*, That *Elibu Robinson*, Esq; be empowered to draw E. Robinson *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to allowed supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Providence* with Articles £ 300. at the stated Prices.

*It is Resolved*, That *Josiah Humphry*, Esq; be empowered to draw J. Humphry *Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to supply the allowed £ 60. Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Barrington* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*It is Resolved*, That *Wednesday* the Thirtieth of this Instant be ob- Thanksgiving served throughout this State, as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Praise ordered. to Almighty God, agreeable to the Resolve of Congress of the 17th of last Month; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly.

*It is Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money A. Greene al- be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Abram* lowed £ 3 *Greene*, for his Service in notifying Col. *Kasson*, and the Town-Councils of 12 s. *West-Greenwich* and *Coventry*, to draught Part of his Regiment by Order of this Council.

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December 9, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday.

*It is Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, and J. Stone al- paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Joseph Stone*, for Provisions and lowed £ 9. Forage he supplied a Party of Twenty-eight Men, belonging to General *Cornell's* Brigade, on their March from *Westerly* to *Tiverton*.

*It is Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* supply J. Northup to *John Northup*, Esq; with Two Panes of Glass, 12 by 16, upon his paying be furnished for the same. with Glass.

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*G. Young* allowed 30<sup>s</sup>. It appearing to this Council, that *George Young* did Duty as a Soldier Fifteen Days, in *Capt. Charles Keene's* Company, in *Col. Bowen's* Regiment, in *August*, 1777, for which he hath not been paid, his Name having been accidentally omitted in the Pay-Abstract : *It is therefore Resolved*, That *Thirty Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the said *Charles Keene*, to pay the said Wages.

*C. Keene* allowed £ 2 5<sup>s</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Capt. Charles Keene*, for Cash by him paid for mending Guns for his Company, and for Camp Equipage for the same, upon the intended Expedition to *Rhode-Island*, in *October*. 1777.

*J. Beverly* allowed £ 11 3<sup>s</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Eleven Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. John Beverly*, for notifying the Members in the County of *Providence* to sit in General Assembly at *East-Greenwich*, in *September* last; and for citing the Town-Councils of *Cranston* and *Warwick* to attend upon this Council.

And £ 29 15<sup>s</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Twenty-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. John Beverly*, as Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, for the Maintenance of *John Smith* and *Henry Collard*, two Prisoners of War confined there.

*W. Rhodes* allowed £ 17 3<sup>s</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Seventeen Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *William Rhodes*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, for notifying the Members in that County to attend in General-Assembly, for delivering out Schedules, Proclamations, &c. for going Express to General *Sullivan* upon *Rhode-Island*, and for providing Wood for the State-House, &c.

Delinquents to pay the Expence of apprehending them. *IT is Resolved*, That the Colonels of the several Regiments of Militia in this State who were upon the late Expedition to *Rhode-Island*, stop the reasonable Expences of bringing in the Delinquents of their respective Regiments, out of the Wages of such Delinquents, and pay the same to the Persons employed in bringing them in.

*R. Briggs* to sell *Z. Westcot's* Estate. *MR. Randall Briggs*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, having represented to this Council, that he attached a Lot of Land, with a Dwelling-House thereon standing, as the Estate of *Zorobabel Westcot*, at the Suit of the State, and advertised the same to be sold as the Law directs; and that at the Time assigned for the Sale thereof he was called to go upon the late Expedition to *Rhode-Island*, by which Means the Sale fell through: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the said *Randall Briggs* again advertise the Sale of the said Estate, and proceed to take all the Steps of the Law in selling the same as if the Business were just begun, and that such his Proceedings shall be deemed good and valid in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

*R. Briggs* 21- £ 50. *IT is Resolved*, That *Mr. Randall Briggs* be empowered to draw *Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Families

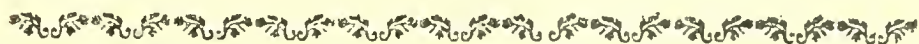
Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Cranston* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*It is Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money be *W. Coddington* allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *William Coddington*, allowed £ 9 Esq; for Six Days Attendance as Clerk of this Council, and for other <sup>4</sup> Services.

*It is Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be *D. Branch* allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Daniel Branch*, allowed £ 3 12 s. for attending upon this Council Three Days as a Waiter.

THE Deputy Quarter-Master General in this Department having represented to this Council the great Difficulty of supplying the Army in *Providence* with a sufficient Quantity of Wood, and requested this Council to make Provision for supplying the same with a certain Quantity weekly: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the President or some other Member of each of the Town-Councils in the County of *Providence* appear before this Council, in the Council-Chamber, on *Tuesday* the *Twenty-second* Instant, at *Ten o'Clock* in the Forenoon, to make an Appointment of Wood, for the Purpose aforesaid: And that the Clerk make out the necessary Copies of this Resolve, and deliver them to the Deputy Quarter Master General. to be forwarded as soon as may be. Wood to be provided for the Army.

*It is Resolved*, That this Council be adjourned until *Monday* the *Twenty-first* Instant, at *Ten o'Clock* in the Forenoon, then to meet in the State-House at *Providence*: And that in the mean Time all Persons who have Accounts to settle with the State, be requested to adjust the same with the Auditor of Accounts, at the House of Mr. *Nathan Angell*, in *Providence*. Council adjourned.



December 21, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

His Honor the DEPUTY-GOVERNOR,

ESEK HOPKINS, Esq;  
JOHN JENCKES, Esq;

JOE COMSTOCK, Esq;  
JOSIAH HUMPHRY, Esq;

*It is Resolved*, That *Eighty-nine Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money £. 89 4 s. be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Lieut. *James Arnold*, jun. to discharge the Bounties due to the Company under his Command, being Part of Col. *Holden's* Regiment, which did Duty at *East-Greenwich* in *June* last. allowed to a Detachment of Col. *Holden's* Regiment.

*It is Resolved*, That *James Arnold*, Esq; be empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury. to supply *James Arnold* allowed £ 100 the

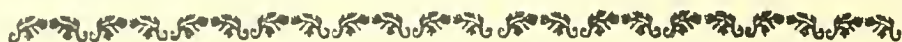
the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *Warwick* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*J. Olney* to pay £ 38 2 s. into the Treasury. *IT is Resolved*, That *Lieut. Col. Jeremiah Olney* pay *Thirty-eight Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money into the General-Treasury; it being the Balance of his Account, for Money he received of the General-Treasurer, for the recruiting Service, &c.

*D. Jerauld* to pay £ 68. into the Treasury. *IT is Resolved*, That *Lieut. Dutee Jerauld* pay *Sixty-eight Pounds* Lawful Money into the General-Treasury; it being the Balance of his Account, for Money he received of the General-Treasurer, for the recruiting Service.

*J. Tuckerman* allowed £ 17 1 s. 9 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *Seventeen Pounds One Shilling and Ninepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Isaac Tuckerman*, for cleaning and repairing *Fifty-four Small-Arms*, belonging to the State.

*D. Dexter* to pay £ 24. into the Treasury. *IT is Resolved*, That *Capt. David Dexter* pay *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money into the General-Treasury; it being the Balance of his Account, for Money he received of the General-Treasurer, for the recruiting Service.



December 22, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

The same Members as Yesterday.

*E. Smith* allowed £ 150. *IT is Resolved*, That *Mr. Edward Smith* be empowered to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Families of the Officers and Soldiers in *North-Providence* with Articles at the stated Prices.

*A. Mathewson* allowed £ 105 16 s. 8 d. *IT is Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Allen Mathewson*, for *Eighty-four Pair of Stockings*, delivered by him to the Agent-Clothier, being the Proportion of the Town of *Coventry*.

*N. Coggeshall* allowed £ 17 11 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Seventeen Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Newby Coggeshall*, for keeping a Number of Cattle and Sheep, which were brought from *Rhode-Island* in *November, 1776*, to prevent their falling into the Hands of the Enemy.

*C. Harris* allowed £ 14 17 s. *IT is Resolved*, That *Fourteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Caleb Harris, Esq;* it being the Balance of his Account for building the *Powder-Mill* belonging to the State.

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*IT is Resolved*, That Sixty-five Pounds One Shilling and Threepence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. Stephen Jenckes; it being the Balance of his Account for repairing Pawtucket Bridge, and for storing a Quantity of Provisions for the State. S. Jenckes allowed £ 65 1 s. 3 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That Twenty-six Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. Samuel Champlin, to discharge the Bounties due to the Guard under his Command at Westerly. Guard at Westerly allowed £ 26 4 s. 2 d.

*IT is Resolved*, That Twenty-six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Col. Charles Olney, for Timber, Plank, and Joist, furnished by him, for building the House near the Powder-Mill. C. Olney allowed £ 26 11 s. 4 d. ½.

UPON the Application of the Deputy Quarter-Master General in this Department, to supply the Troops stationed at Providence and Pawtuxet, with Wood, until the First of April next: Wood provided for the Army.

*IT is Resolved*, That the following Quantities of Wood shall be supplied weekly by the Towns hereafter named, to wit:

*Scituate*, Five Cords; *Cranston*, Sixteen Cords; *Gloucester*, Four Cords; *Johnston*, Fourteen Cords; *Smithfield*, Thirteen Cords; *North-Providence*, Eight Cords; and *Cumberland*, Ten Cords: And that the Town of *Warwick* supply Col. Jackson's Corps, now stationed at *Pawtuxet*, with Ten Cords.

*IT is further Resolved*, That the Presidents of the several Town-Councils of the Towns above named be required to call their respective Town-Councils together as soon as may be, in order to apportion the afore said Quantities of Wood upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns, which they are hereby empowered and directed to do, in such Manner as they shall judge to be equitable and right; and also to assess a just Proportion on the Lands of non-resident Proprietors.

*IT is further Resolved*, That if any Person or Persons shall have more Wood assessed upon him or them than will be a just Proportion for him to cart, the Town-Council shall order any Person or Persons, having Teams, to cart so much of the Surplussage as they shall think just; and shall settle the Proportion the Person or Persons so carting the same shall receive, of the Price of the Wood, when delivered.

*IT is further Resolved*, That if any Person or Persons, being duly notified by the Council-Clerk, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Ten Days after such Notice, to cart or supply his or their Proportion of Wood, such Council-Clerk shall return his or their Names to the Deputy Quarter-Master General for this Department, who is hereby empowered to compel him or them to do his or their Proportion of the Duty assigned by the Town-Council, by impressing his or their Teams into the Service, for so long a Time as shall be necessary to compleat the said Business.



*IT is further Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Council transmit Copies of this Act to the Presidents of the several Town-Councils of the Towns above named.

*J. Bowen* also allowed £ 7 4<sup>6</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; for Cash he paid the Widow *Mathewson*, for one Year's Rent of the Lot whereon the House for manufacturing Salt-Petre for the State is built.

*W. Rhodes* also allowed £ 12 6<sup>11</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *William Rhodes*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, for Cash he paid for a Load of Wood for the State-House, and for repairing the same, and the Gaol.

*D. Branch* also allowed £ 4 4<sup>1</sup>. *IT is Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Daniel Branch*, for his Attendance upon this Council, and cleaning the Council-Chamber.

*W. Coddington* allowed £ 6. *IT is Resolved*, That *Six Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *William Coddington*, Esq; for Attendance upon this Council, as Clerk, &c.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*

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PROVIDENCE: Printed by JOHN CARTER.





At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *Providence*, within and for the said State, on the last *Monday* in *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency

*WILLIAM GREENE*, Esquire,  
G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN SAYLES, Esq;

JONATHAN ARNOLD, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

GIDEON COMSTOCK, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

IMMANUEL CASE, Esq;

PARDON GRAY, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E U T I E S



## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

Mr. Thomas Rumreil,  
Mr. Robert Stevens, *jun.*

## PROVIDENCE:

Mr. John Brown,  
Theodore Foster, *Esq;*  
Welcome Arnold, *Esq;*

## PORTSMOUTH:

None.

## WARWICK:

Mr. Othniel Gorton,  
Mr. Thomas Holden,  
Adam Comstock, *Esq;*  
John Low, *Esq;*

## WESTERLY:

Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq;*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Samuel Babcock, *Esq;*  
Rowse J. Helme, *Esq;*

## EAST-GREENWICH.

Job Comstock, *Esq;*  
Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq;*

## JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr.

## SMITHFIELD:

Daniel Mowry, *Esq;*  
Caleb Aldrich, *Esq;*

## SCITUATE:

William West, *Esq;*  
Mr. Christopher Potter.

## GLOUCESTER:

Mr. Caleb Arnold,  
Mr. John Smith (*Son of Benjamin*)

## CHARLESTOWN:

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*  
Jonathan J. Halfard, *Esq;*

## WEST-GREENWICH.

Mr. Thomas Gorton.

## COVENTRY:

Mr. SPEAKER,  
Mr. David Bucklin.

## EXETER:

John Chapman, *Esq;*

## MIDDLETOWN:

None.

## BRISTOL:

William Bradford, *Esq;*  
Mr. Benjamin Bourne.

## TIVERTON:

Mr. Thomas Corey.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

William Richmond, *Esq;*  
Mr. Zebedee Grinnel.

## WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,  
Nathan Miller, *Esq;*

## CUMBERLAND:

Mr. James Lovett,  
Mr. John Lapham.

## RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq;*  
Robert Stanton, *Esq;*

## CRANSTON:

Christopher Lippitt, *Esq;*  
Mr. Peter Burlingame.

## HOPKINTON:

None.

## JOHNSTON:

Mr. John Smith,  
Caleb Harris, *Esq;*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Esek Hopkins, *Esq;*  
John Jenckes, *Esq;*

## BARRINGTON:

Mr. Samuel Allen.

*The Honorable* STEPHEN POTTER, *Esq;* was chosen Speaker; and

WILLIAM CHANNING, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Olney Winsor* and *Joseph Comstock* be and they are hereby permitted to subscribe the Test; and that thereupon they shall be entitled to all Privileges as though they had signed the same at any Time heretofore. *O. Winsor and J. Comstock permitted to sign the Test.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Farm in *Exeter* heretofore leased to Mr. *Samuel Carr*, be again leased to him for the Year 1779; and that *John Northup*, Esq; Messieurs *John Chapman* and *Thomas Tillingbass*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to determine the Rent which shall be allowed for the same; and that they make Report as soon as may be. *Farm in Exeter to be leased to S. Carr for 1779.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Perry* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences in apprehending one *Mansfield Allen* (a noted Tory) by Virtue of a Warrant from *Edward Perry*, Esq; and also for his Time and Expences in committing him to Gaol, and for the Hire of *John Baggs*, jun. as Aid: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Perry*, out of the General-Treasury. *B. Perry allowed £ 3 12 s.*

WHEREAS *George Pierce*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for curing Thirty-six Sides of Soal-Leather, and for making Fifty Pounds of Shoe-Thread, by Order of *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventy-six Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Pierce*, out of the General-Treasury. *G. Pierce allowed £ 76 4 s.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Major-General *Sullivan* be and he is hereby requested to release Mr. *John Read* from his present Confinement; and that he the said *John Read* thereupon enter into a Recognizance, with two sufficient Sureties, before either of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature within this State, himself in the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, and the said Sureties each in the Sum of *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, and conditioned for the good Behaviour of him the said *John Read*, and for his Appearance before the Superior Court of Judicature, to be holden in *Providence* in *March* next; and abiding the Sentence and Judgment of said Court respecting him. *J. Read released from his Confinement.*

WHEREAS Lieutenant *Enoch Stanton* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for one Quarter of his Wages at the stated Prices, he having furnished the Articles of Supply, and charged the Difference between the stated and going Prices of the Articles by him furnished: And the said Account having been referred to and examined by the Auditor of Accounts, who reported a Balance of *Eighty Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money due to the said *Enoch Stanton*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed; and that the aforesaid Balance be paid unto the said *Enoch Stanton*, out of the General-Treasury. *E. Stanton allowed £ 80 5 s. 6*

*L. Updike permitted to subscribe the Test.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *Lodowick Updike* be and he is hereby permitted to subscribe the Test, heretofore ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State; and that thereupon he be entitled to all the Privileges of a Subject of this State.

*Committee to prepare Bills in Consequence of Resolves of Congress.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Immanuel Case, Theodore Foster,* and *Adam Comstock,* Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught Acts, in Pursuance of Recommendations from Congress, received since the last Session of this Assembly.

*E. Brown allowed £4; 15s.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mrs. *Experience Brown,* the Wife of *Israel Brown,* who is a Soldier in one of the Continental Battalions raised by this State, be paid the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in order to compensate for her not receiving the Articles which she was entitled to receive at the stated Prices, the said Sum being the Allowance from the Twenty-sixth Day of *February 1778,* to the First Day of *January 1779.*

*Journals of Congress distributed.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Twenty Volumes of the Journals of Congress for the Year 1775, with the Indexes thereto, transmitted to this Assembly by the Delegates from this State, be distributed in Manner following, viz. One of each to his Excellency the Governor, one to the Secretary for the Use of the Upper House of Assembly, one to the Clerk of the Lower House for the Use thereof, one to the Attorney-General, one to the General-Treasurer, one to the Sheriff of each County, one to the Clerk of the Superior Court, and one to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of each County in the State.

*Delegates to be furnished with the Schedules.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Delegates from this State in Congress be furnished with Schedules of the Proceedings of this Assembly and Council of War, from the Commencement of Hostilities to the present Time; and that in future said Schedules be from Time to Time transmitted to them by the Secretary.

*Sheriff of King's County to find out who stole Rails from Howland's Farm.* WHEREAS it has been represented to this Assembly, that a large Number of Cedar Rails, and a Quantity of Fire-Wood, have been stolen from the Farm in *North-Kingstown,* leased by Order of the General Assembly to *John Howland:*

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That *Beriah Brown,* Esq; high Sheriff of the County of *King's County,* be and he is hereby appointed to examine into and find out, if possible, the Person or Persons who have stolen the same: That he take such spirited Steps as to him shall appear necessary for putting a Stop to the said Evil: And that he make Report of his Doings therein to this Assembly, or the Council of War.

*Proceedings of the Council of War to be printed.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Journals of the Proceedings of the Council of War, since the Appointment thereof, be printed; that they also in future be printed from Time to Time, with the Schedules of the Proceedings of this Assembly; and that when printed they be transmitted to the Persons to whom by Law the Schedules are ordered to be transmitted.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS the Ship *Minerva*, of about Three Hundred Tons, and the Sloop called the *Miss North*, of about Thirty Tons Burthen, Transports in the Service of the King of Great-Britain, have been wrecked upon the Shores of this State; and whereas the said Vessels, their Cargoes and Appurtenances, have been, in Pursuance of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, taken into Possession in Behalf of this State by the Sheriff of the County of King's County: It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Sheriff immediately secure all the Cargo and Appurtenances belonging to the said Vessels, and sell the same at public Vendue, as soon as Notice thereof can be publicly given; and that he advertise the Time of Sale three Weeks successively, in the *Providence* and *New-London* News-Papers.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Books and Papers belonging to the Offices of the Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts, for the County of *Providence*, be forthwith brought into the Town of *Providence*: And the Clerks of the respective Courts are directed to cause the same to be removed accordingly.

WHEREAS *William M'Clean*, a transient Person, was driven on Shore within the Town of *Cranston*, and his Legs are much froze, so that he is in immediate Want of the Assistance of a Physician, and other Necessaries: Wherefore, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Council of the Town of *Cranston* forthwith afford the said *William M'Clean* the necessary Assistance; and that the Monies by them expended for that Purpose be paid them out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, Auditor of Accounts, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of *Henry Marchant*, Esq; one of the Delegates from this State, which is as follows, to wit:

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr. with *Henry Marchant*.

|            |                                                                      |            |
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| 1778, May. | To Expence of myself, Servant and Horses,                            |            |
|            | from May 23d to November 27th, to and at                             |            |
|            | <i>Yorktown</i> , in <i>Pennsylvania</i> , and <i>Philadelphia</i> , | £ 431 11 0 |
|            | and till my Return Home,                                             |            |
|            | To my Service, and the Use of my two                                 |            |
|            | Horses during that Time, being 195 Days,                             | 438 15 0   |
|            | at 45 s. per Day,                                                    |            |
|            |                                                                      | £ 870 6 0  |

Creditor.

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| 1778. }  | By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, by                                                                                                                                                                   | £ 100 0 0         |
| May 8. } | Order of the General Assembly.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |
| July 31. | By 1000 Dollars, received out of the Continental Treasury, and by me indorsed upon a Warrant in Favour of the State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. and now lying in the said Treasury-Office, for 10,000 Dollars, | 300 0 0           |
| Nov. 16. | By 1200 Dollars, received of <i>John Gibson</i> , Esq; upon the same Warrant, in like Manner as above, and for which I signed a like Receipt,                                                                   | 360 0 0           |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £ 760 0 0         |
|          | Balance due to <i>Henry Marchant</i> , Esq;                                                                                                                                                                     | 110 6 0           |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £ 870 6 0         |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>Providence</i> |



*Providence, January 1, 1779.* Examined Mr. *Marchant's* Memorandum Book, which contains the Particulars of the first Charge of this Account, many of which he produced Vouchers for; the others being Expences on the Road, and several petty Charges, amount to the Sum above: The Balance due on this Account to Mr. *Marchant*, *One Hundred and Ten Pounds Six Shillings*. The Articles of Credit I have no Knowledge of.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD, Auditor.

*H. Marchant* AND the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the above allowed £110 6s. Balance of *One Hundred and Ten Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to the said *Henry Marchant*, out of the General-Treasury.

*D. Tourtellot* WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Tourtellot* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding and lodging *John Osborn*, a British Prisoner belonging to the *Lark* Frigate, who was captured at *Prudence*; and for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in bringing the said Prisoner from *Killingly* to *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-seven Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Tourtellot*, out of the General-Treasury.

Allowance to *J. Baggs*. THIS General Assembly, at *May* Session, 1778, having allowed *John Baggs, jun.* who was wounded and disabled in the Service of the United States, Half Pay, and a Ration *per Day*, from the last Day of *October*, 1777, to the last Day of *April*, 1778; and he having received his Wages, but not his Rations: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *John Baggs*, in full for his said Rations, reckoning the same at *Two Shillings per Day*.

Attorney-General to libel the Ship *Minerva* and Sloop *Miss North*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General prosecute a Libel in the Court of Admiralty within this State, in Behalf thereof, for the Condemnation of the Ship *Minerva*, and Sloop *Miss North*, heretofore Transports in the Service of the King of *Great-Britain*, and lately shipwrecked upon the Shores of this State.

*J. Cooke's* Account audited, and he allowed £1517 11s. 7d. WHEREAS Messieurs *John Jenckes*, *Esek Hopkins*, and *Nathaniel Mumford*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Col. *John Cooke*, laid before this Assembly a State of his Accounts, consisting of a great Number of Charges for the Payment of Wages, &c. as one of the Committee of Safety, and also of an Account of the Sales of the Effects belonging to *Charles Dudley* and *George Rome*, which were sequestered by Order of the General Assembly, and the following Report thereon, to wit:

WE have examined the foregoing Account, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and find the Balance *One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sevenpence*, due to Col. *Cooke*.

JOHN JENCKES,  
ESEK HOPKINS,  
NATHANIEL MUMFORD.

WHICH

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be and the same is hereby accepted ; and that the Balance therein mentioned be paid to the said *John Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS many non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who first entered into the Brigade raised by this State, under the Command of General *Cornell*, received as a Bounty the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* only, and those who enlisted since the Twenty-eighth Day of *May* last have received a much larger Bounty, and the same Encouragement in every other Respect as those who first enlisted : And whereas General *Cornell* hath represented unto this Assembly, that by Reason of severe Duty, and the Length of the Service, those who first entered have worn out the Cloathing allowed them, and are now destitute : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That as a Gratuity for their past Services, and an Encouragement to Persons to engage early in the Service of the State, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed in Cloathing to each non-commissioned Officer and Soldier, who entered into the said Brigade upon the Bounty and Encouragement allowed by this Assembly before the said Twenty-eighth Day of *May* : And that the Agent-Clothier in this State furnish such Articles of Cloathing as shall be required by General *Cornell*, for the Purpose aforesaid, at the Price they cost the State, including the Charges ; taking Care not to exceed in Value the said Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, to each of the said non-commissioned Officers and Privates.

Gratuity to  
Part of Gen-  
eral *Cornell's*  
Brigade.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That each Commissioned and Staff Officer in the said Brigade be allowed One Month's Pay extraordinary : And that the Paymasters of the respective Regiments be empowered to draw the same out of the General-Treasury, upon their obtaining Orders for that Purpose from the Council of War.

WHEREAS the Gaol in the County of *Newport* is now in Possession of Persons in the the Enemy, and the Gaol in the County of *Bristol* was burnt in a late Excursion of the Enemy : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*, and their respective Deputies, be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to bring any Person or Persons by them apprehended, or duly committed to their Custody, upon a civil or criminal Process, into the County of *Providence*, and deliver such Person or Persons, so apprehended or in Custody as aforesaid, into the Custody and Keeping of the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* ; who is hereby empowered and directed to receive and commit him or them to the Gaol in the said County of *Providence*, and in safe Custody to keep, until he or they shall be discharged by due Course of Law : And that he be entitled to the same Fees for his Services as are allowed in similar Cases.

Persons in the  
Custody of  
the Counties  
of *Newport*  
and *Bristol* to  
be delivered  
to the Sheriff  
of the County  
of *Providence*.

*PROVIDED* nevertheless, and it is further Voted and Resolved, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to the preventing any Person or Persons who may be apprehended by or be in the Custody of the said Sheriffs of the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*, or of their Deputies, from being bailed, if bailable, or from being otherwise duly discharged within the County in which he or they may be apprehended or taken into Custody.

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*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sheriffs be liable to be sued at special Courts for the Neglect of any Duty prescribed by this Act, in Manner as is directed by an Act for calling special Courts within this State.

Allowance to  
Lieut. Water-  
man.

WHEREAS *Thomas Waterman*, a Second Lieutenant in the Continental Battalion raised by this State, under the Command of Col. *Israel Angell*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that *John Waterman*, his Father, was Quarter-Master of the said Regiment, and his Family was supplied with Articles at the stated Price, to the Amount of One Quarter of his Wages, to the Fourteenth Day of *December*, 1777, when he was appointed an Assistant Commissary of Issues to General *Varnum's* Brigade; from which Time he never drew any Thing for the Support of his Family at the stated Price until the Time of his Death, which happened on the Twenty-fourth Day of *April*, 1778, he being then in the Service of his Country: That during that Period the Family was greatly distressed; his said Father's Wages not being by any Means adequate to their Support: That he being the only Son of his Father, the Care of the Family is now devolved upon him; and that his Wages as a Second Lieutenant, so far from enabling him to contribute to their Relief, is insufficient to support him according to his Rank: And thereupon the said *Thomas Waterman* prayed this Assembly to direct that his Father's Family be supplied with the Necessaries of Life at the stated Prices, to the Amount of One Quarter Part of his said Father's Wages, from the said Fourteenth Day of *December*, 1777, to the said Twenty-fourth Day of *April*, 1778; and from that Time to the Amount of One Quarter Part of his the Petitioner's Wages, at the same Rate.

ON Consideration whereof,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *Thomas Waterman*, in his aforesaid Petition contained, be and the same is hereby granted.

*E. Hopkins*  
allowed £ 5  
8 s.

*Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences, and three Days Service, as one of the Committee in adjusting the Accounts of Col. *John Cooke*: And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed; and that *Five Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ezek Hopkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Pierce* al-  
lowed £ 7 5 s.

*George Pierce*, Esq; having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire to *Providence*, and Expences in attending as one of the Members of the Council of War, in *September* last: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and is hereby allowed; and that *Seven Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Pierce*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Wells* al-  
lowed £ 31  
14 s.

*Thomas Wells*, Esq; having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire to *Providence*, and Expences in attending as one of the Members of the Council of War, in *June*, *July*, and *August* last: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the same be and is hereby allowed ; and that *Thirty-one Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Wells*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; who hath lately come from *Newport*, in a Flag of Truce, and is represented as an unfriendly Person to the United States, be permitted to reside on his Farm at *North-Kingstown* : That he be confined to the same, and the Limits of One Mile thereof : That if he shall transgress those Bounds, he be forthwith apprehended by the Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, or either of his Deputies, or by any Constable of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, and be thereupon committed to the Gaol in the said County.

*T. Cranston*  
confined to  
his Farm.

*Josiah Humphry*, Esq; having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire to *Providence*, and Expences in attending as a Member of the Council of War, Sixteen Days and an Half : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Twenty-seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Josiah Humphry*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Humphry*  
allowed £ 27  
19<sup>s</sup>.

*William Richmond*, Esq; having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Expence of procuring, and the Cost of, the Copies of the Inventories of the Effects of *Charles Dudley* and *George Rome* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Richmond*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Richmond*  
allowed £ 3.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; and *Theodore Foster*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare Letters to the Most Honorable Continental Congress, to the State of *Connecticut*, and to the State of *New-York*, representing the distressed Situation of some Parts of this State, occasioned by the Scarcity of Bread-Corn ; and requesting that the Embargo in those States may be dispensed with, so far as prohibits the Exportation thereof to this State by Land ; and that they make Report to his Excellency the Governor, who is hereby requested to sign and forward them as soon as may be.

Committee to  
prepare Letters to Congress, &c. respecting the Scarcity of Bread:

Mr. *William Chace* having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Attendance upon, and Medicines delivered, to the sick Soldiers of Col. *Noyes's* and Col. *Dyer's* Regiments, when upon Duty, in the Months of *January, February* and *March*, 1777 : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Twenty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *William Chace*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Chace* allowed £ 24  
16<sup>s</sup>.

THE aforesaid *William Chace* having exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding, nursing, administering Medicines to, and dressing the Wounds of, *John Baggs, jun.*  
C a Soldier  
And £ 26 5<sup>s</sup>.



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a Soldier in the Service of this State : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Twenty-six Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *William Chace*, out of the General-Treasury.

Report of the  
Committee  
appointed to  
appraise Boats  
lost.

WHEREAS General *Cornell*, *Pardon Gray*, Esq; and Major *Thomas Sheffield*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, a Committee to appraise a Number of Boats and Oars lost in the intended Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, in *October*, 1777, and to assess such Damages to the Owners as we should think proper, did, in Obedience to our Appointment, meet at *Tiverton*, this Twenty-fourth Day of *December*, 1778, and appraise the said Boats and Oars at the several Sums affixed against them in the following Account. It was our Intention to appraise the said Boats at the Prices they would have sold for at the Time when they were charged. As to Damages, it is our Opinion, that no more can be expected than the Interest of the Money, from the Time of the Charge until Payment be made ; the Power of doing it we suppose to be lodged solely in the General Assembly or Council of War, to whom we refer the Affair. Capt. *Samuel Thompson*, of *Westerly*, laid two other Accounts before us ; one for Guns, &c. lost at *Point-Judith*, and the other for Camp-Equipage furnished by the Town of *Westerly*, which was not returned ; which Accounts we did not think ourselves warranted to audit by any Thing contained in our Appointment.

| State of Rhode-Island, &c. to the following Persons, |                                                                                                                    | Dr. |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| 1777. Oct. 1.                                        | To <i>Oliver Davis</i> , for 1 Boat, 14 Feet Keel, marked O. D. No. 1, delivered in good Order,                    | }   | £ 30 0 0 |
|                                                      | To <i>Samuel Champlin</i> , for Damage of his Boat, received in a Condition not fit for Use,                       |     |          |
|                                                      | To <i>John Ross</i> , for 1 Boat, 12 Feet Keel, marked I. R. No. 3, delivered in good Order,                       | }   | 30 0 0   |
|                                                      | To <i>David Saunders</i> , for 1 Boat, 15 Feet Keel, straight Rabbet, No. 4, delivered in good Order,              |     |          |
|                                                      | To <i>Samuel Thompson</i> , for 1 Vineyard Pilot-Boat, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Feet Keel, No. 5, delivered in good Order, | }   | 70 0 0   |
|                                                      | To <i>Nathan Babcock</i> , for one Boat, 18 Feet Keel, No. 6, delivered in good Order,                             |     |          |
|                                                      | To <i>John Gardner</i> for 1 Vineyard Pilot-Boat, 19 Feet Keel, No. 7, straight Rabbet, in good Order,             | }   | 70 0 0   |
|                                                      | To 1 Ditto belonging to <i>Ichabod Babcock</i> , 18 Feet Keel, No. 8, delivered in good Order,                     |     |          |
|                                                      | To <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , for 1 Boat, 18 Feet Keel, No. 9, delivered in good Order,                                | }   | 40 0 0   |
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| To <i>Thomas Wickbam</i> , for a Whaleboat, 21 Feet 8 Inches Keel, No. 10, delivered in good Order, | } | £ 30 0 0 |
| To 50 Oars belonging to the said Boats, containing 750 Feet, at 1s. 3d. per Foot,                   |   |          |

£ 447 17 6

*Cost of the Committee.*

*Ezekiel Cornell* considers himself in the Service of the Public, and therefore charges nothing.

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| <i>Pardon Gray</i> charges 1 Day, — — — — —                                                  | } | £ 1 10 0 |
| <i>Thomas Sheffield</i> charges for Time, Expences and Horse-hire, 8 Days, at 72 s. per Day, |   |          |

£ 30 6 0

EZEKIEL CORNELL,  
PARDON GRAY,  
THOMAS SHEFFIELD.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : And that it be recommended to the Hon. Major General *Sullivan* to pay the Sums therein mentioned to the Persons to whom the same are reported to be due, with Interest.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for collecting and paying into the General-Treasury the Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, heretofore assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, be prolonged to the First Day of *February* next : And that the same be then paid into the General-Treasury, or in Default thereof, that Warrants of Distrain be issued by the General-Treasurer against the Town-Treasurers of the delinquent Towns, agreeable to Law.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Brigadier General *Cornell*, Col. *Pardon Gray*, Major *Thomas Sheffield*, and Col. *Joseph Stanton*, be and they or any two of them are hereby appointed a Committee, to ascertain the Damages sustained by the Persons who were the Owners of Articles, certified to have been lost with the Boats that were sunk at *Point-Judith*, in *October*, 1777, so far as respects the said Articles : And that they make Report as soon as may be.

WHEREAS Col. *Pardon Gray* laid before this Assembly a Pay-Abstract of Part of the Militia and Alarm-Men in *Little-Compton*, who guarded the Shores in *October*, 1777 : And the said Abstract having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Twelve Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Pardon Gray*, out of the General-Treasury, to be paid to the Officers and Men to whom the same is due.

WHEREAS the aforesaid *Pardon Gray* presented unto this Assembly a Pay-Abstract of Capt. *Cook's* Company in *Little-Compton*, who were called upon Duty in *October*, 1777 : And the said Abstract having been duly examined,

examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds and Threepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Pardon Gray*, out of the General-Treasury, to be paid to the Officers and Men to whom the same is due.

£ 100 granted to repair Pawtuxet Bridge.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Benjamin Arnold* be and he is hereby appointed to repair *Pawtuxet* Bridge : That for that Purpose he be empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury : That the Districts next adjoining to the said Bridge, in the Towns of *Cranston* and *Warwick*, immediately make any further Repairs on the said Bridge which may be necessary, in Addition to those made in Pursuance of this Resolution : And that the Surveyors of the said Districts be and they are hereby empowered to warn in their Inhabitants, for the compleating the said Bridge, in the same Manner, and that they be subject to the same Penalties for Default or Disobedience, as in other Cases of mending Highways.

Possessors of Treasurer's Notes to be paid their Interest.

*RESOLVED*, That the Interest arising and due upon the Notes which were made by the General-Treasurer, upon an Interest of *Six per Cent. per Annum*, in Pursuance of a Resolution of this Assembly, passed in *December, 1776*, be paid unto the Possessors of the same Notes, up to the Time the said Notes became due, out of the General-Treasury of this State : That an Interest of *Six per Cent. per Annum* be further allowed upon said Notes, from the said Time of Payment until the same shall be paid : And that a Copy of this Resolution be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

Col. Dyre to draw £ 527 6 s. 4 d. for paying Abstracts.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Charles Dyre* be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds Six Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for discharging three Abstracts of his Regiment, upon his the said *Charles's* drawing an Order in Favour of this State for the Wages due to his Regiment on the Deputy Paymaster-General : And that if there are any Mistakes in the said Abstracts, and a Balance should be due to this State, the same may be deducted out of the said Wages.

H. Ward allowed £ 31 10 s.

WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences during his Attendance upon the Council of War, from *June, 1778*, to *October* following : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-one Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. West to draw £ 3021 5 s. for paying Bounty-Abstracts.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William West*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Three Thousand and Twenty-one Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for discharging the Bounty allowed by this State to the Regiment under his Command, in the late Expedition against the Enemy on *Rhode-Island*, upon his drawing an Order in Favour of the State for the Wages due to the said Regiment upon the Deputy Paymaster-General : And that if the said Sum hereby granted should exceed the Sum due to the said Regiment, for the Purpose



Purpose aforesaid, the Balance due to the State may be deducted from the said Wages.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Vaughan* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse and Cart, and for his Service in carrying Baggage for the Artillery Company of *North-Kingstown to Warwick Neck*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Vaughan*, out of the General-Treasury.

RESOLVED, That the Council of War meet at the State-House in *Providence*, on *Monday* the Twenty-fifth Instant, for the Dispatch of Business: That the Committees of the several Towns, for supplying the Officers and Soldiers Families at stated Prices, bring in at that Time their several Accounts, excepting such of them as may think proper in the mean Time to adjust their Accounts with Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, the Auditor of Accounts: And that the Secretary publish a Copy of this Order in the next *Providence Gazette*.

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Stanton, jun.* and Major *Thomas Sheffield*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, with General *Cornell*, and Col. *Gray*, to ascertain the Damages sustained by the Persons who were the Owners of certain Articles lost at *Point-Judith*, in *October, 1777*; agreeable to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly, do report as follows: That the said Articles were worth the different Prices annexed to their several Accounts, as follow, *to wit*:

Articles lost belonging to *Timothy Bagley*, deceased, *to wit*:  
One Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, one Beaver Hat, }  
Half worn, a Pocket-Book with 15 Dollars, all at } £ 14 10 0

Ditto belonging to *Joseph Burdick*, deceased.  
One Gun and Bayonet, one Flannel Jacket, one Linen }  
Shirt, one Worsted Stocking, one Shoe and Brads } 8 2 0  
Buckle, all at }

Ditto belonging to *Isaac Pendleton*, deceased.  
One Gun, one Knapsack, one new Pair of Broadcloth }  
Breeches with Turtlehell Buttons, one Shirt, one }  
Pair of Yarn Stockings, one Linen Handkerchief, one } 11 4 0  
Felt Hat, one Pot weighing 22lb. one large wooden }  
Bowl, all at }

Ditto belonging to *William and Nabum Babcock*, deceased.  
Two Guns, two Bayonets, two Canteens, one Cartouch- }  
Box, one Beaver Hat two Thirds worn, one new }  
Felt Hat, one Pint Bason, all at } 15 10 0

Ditto belonging to *Jabez Chesborough*, deceased.  
One Gun, one Bayonet, one Cartouch-Box, Town }  
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One Knapfack, one Linen Shirt, one loose Broadcloth Coat, Half worn, one Pair of new Stockings, one Pair of Linen Breeches, one Felt Hat, a Pocket-Book, with Six Dollars, all at } £ 7 1 0

Ditto belonging to *Joseph Hall*, deceased.

One Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, Town Property. One new Broadcloth Coat, a new Felt Hat, one new Linen Handkerchief, and a Shirt Half worn, all at, except the Gun and Cartouch-Box, } 4 0 0

Ditto belonging to *Nathan Babcock*, the 3d, deceased.

One Gun, one Knapfack, one Great-Coat, one thick Blanket, one Pair of new Serge Breeches, one Flannel Shirt almost new, two Pair of good Stockings, one Pair of Brads Buckles, a Felt Hat almost new, Six Dollars in Cash, all at } 16 15 0

Ditto belonging to *John Pendleton*.

One Gun, Bayonet and Knapfack, all at 6 0 0

Ditto belonging to *Oliver Burdick*.

One Bayonet, Gun and Cartouch-Box, one good Flannel Shirt, one Pair of new Stockings, one Shoe, one Pair of Shoe-Buckles, one Pillow-Case, one Towel, one Quart Bason, one Pewter Plate and Spoon, all at } 9 3 0

Ditto belonging to *Amos Pendleton* and *Zebulon Pendleton*.

Two Guns with Bayonets, two Knapfacks, one good Surtout-Coat, one close-bodied Coat, one Pair of Broadcloth Breeches, two good Shirts, two Pair of Yarn Stockings, one thick Pair of Breeches, three Shoes, one Silver Shoe-Buckle, one Pair of Silver Knee-Buckles, all at } 29 12 0

Ditto belonging to *Thompson Burdick*.

One Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, one Silk Handkerchief, one Beaver Hat, one Pair of Stockings, one Pair of Shoes, a Linen Handkerchief, Twelve Dollars in Cash, all at } 14 4 0

Ditto belonging to *Paul Babcock*.

One Gun, one Hat, one Shoe and Brads Buckle, all at 6 8 0

Articles taken by Order of the Town-Council.

From *John Latham*, one Pot, weighing 24½ lb. one Tray, all at } 1 4 4

Ditto taken from *Jonathan Foster*.

One Pct, weighing 22 lb. 0 16 6

Ditto from *Jeremiah Willcox*.

One Pot, weighing 35 lb. one Pipkin, all at 1 6 0

£ 145 15 10

January 3, 1779.

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. }  
THOMAS SHEFFIELD, }

Committee.

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that it be recommended to the Honorable Major-General Sullivan, to pay the Sum of *One Hundred and Forty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, to Col. Joseph Stanton, jun. for the Use of the Persons who are entitled to the same, agreeable to said Report.

WHEREAS great Difficulties have arisen in supplying the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Battalions raised by this State, with Articles at the stated Prices, by the Committees of the several Towns, pursuant to an Act of this Assembly, heretofore passed; and as furnishing the said Officers and Soldiers with Subsistence Money, in Addition to the Wages and Allowances made to them by the Continent, will be a more certain Method of answering the Purposes intended, and prevent very great Trouble and Expence:

Officers and Soldiers to receive Money in Lieu of Articles.

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in Lieu of the Articles they were to receive at the stated Prices, of the Committees of the several Towns, they shall in future receive the following Sums *per Month*, in Money, of this State's Commissary, whether they have Families or not, *that is to say*, a Colonel shall receive *Sixty-six Dollars*, a Lieutenant-Colonel *Fifty-two Dollars*, a Major *Forty-three Dollars*, a Captain *Thirty-five Dollars*, a Lieutenant *Thirty Dollars*, an Ensign *Twenty-five Dollars*, a Surgeon *Fifty-two Dollars*, a Surgeon's Mate *Thirty-five Dollars*, *per Month*, for Subsistence Money; and that the other Staff Officers be allowed and paid in Proportion to their Wages. And that a Sergeant shall receive *Twenty Dollars*, each Corporal, Drummer and Fifer, *Nineteen Dollars*, and each private Soldier *Eighteen Dollars per Month*, for Subsistence Money, for themselves and Families, over and above the Wages he or they may receive of the Regimental Paymaster. The non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who have Families, the Money shall be paid their Families, by the Town-Councils of the respective Towns in which they live, the said Town-Councils receiving the same of Thomas Greene, Esq; the present Commissary; and those who have no Families are to be paid in Camp by the said Commissary.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That One Sixteenth Part of all the Field, Commissioned and Staff Officers Wages, and One Quarter Part of the Wages of the non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers, are yet to be paid in Camp, as heretofore ordered, in Rum, Melasses, Sugar, and Coffee, at their several stated Prices, with the Charge of Transportation thereon.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That all Acts heretofore made for the Payment of any Part of the Wages of any Officer or Soldier in the respective Towns, in Articles at the stated Prices, be and the same are hereby repealed.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Act doth not extend to any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier who hath been heretofore a Slave, and became free in Consequence of his enlisting into the Service.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That *One and an Half per Cent.* be allowed and paid to the Town-Councils out of the General-Treasury, for transacting the afore said Business.

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*AND it is Ordered, That a Copy hereof be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks within this State.*

Swords to be  
presented to  
Lieut. Col.  
*Talbot*, and to  
Lieut. *Helme*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Brown, Esq; be and he is hereby directed and requested to purchase Two genteel Silver-hilted Swords, and, in the Name of this Assembly, present one to Lieutenant-Colonel Silas Talbot, and the other to Lieutenant William Helme, as a Testimony that this Assembly have the highest Regard to their Merit and gallant Behaviour, in capturing the Enemy's armed Galley Pigot : And that, for the Purpose aforesaid, the said John Brown draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General-Treasury.*

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## An A C T for supplying the Army within this State with Forage, Fuel, Teams and Horses, in Cases of Necessity.

Act for sup-  
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Army with  
Forage, &c.

**W**HEREAS the Honorable the Continental Congress, by a Resolution of the Thirtieth of *November* last, recommended to the Government of this State (wherein a Part of the Army is now stationed) to take such Measures in Aid of the Forage-Masters (who shall first use every Endeavour to purchase the same) for the procuring sufficient Quantities of Forage, at reasonable Rates, as shall in their Opinion be effectual, and most likely to procure a speedy Supply : And whereas great Uneasiness hath arisen from the Manner in which Forage and other necessary Supplies have been obtained from the Inhabitants of this State ; for preventing whereof in future, and in order that due Supplies may be procured, so far as this State can supply, agreeable to the above Recommendation :

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That so often as it shall happen that the Army, or any Part thereof, within this State, shall be in Want of Forage, Grain, Fuel, Teams, Horses, or other Articles or Things for the Support of the Army, or any Part thereof, or for removing of Cannon, Baggage, Stores, or other Things belonging to and for the Use of the Army, and the Quarter-Masters, or their Deputies, or other Officers, cannot, with the Consent of the Owners or Possessors of such Forage, Grain, Fuel, Teams, Horses, or any other Thing or Article, for the necessary Use of the Army, obtain the same, the said Quarter-Masters, their Deputies, or other Officers, shall make Application to his Excellency the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy-Governor, or either of the Assistants, or Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, and inform what Articles or Things are wanted for the Army, and the Necessity of having the same ; and shall thereupon inform his Excellency the Governor, or other Officer in the civil Department, herein before named, of any Person or Persons who may be possessed of any Articles, of which the Army may be in Want, and do withhold the same : And thereupon the said Officer in the civil Department shall forthwith issue his Warrant, directed to the Sheriff or his Deputy, or either of the Constables or Town-Sergeants in the County where the Person or Persons reside, who are suggested to be possessed of such Articles, and cite him or them immediately to appear before such Officer who shall grant said Warrant :*



Warrant: And upon Examination into the Matter, if it shall appear that such Person or Persons are possessed of the Articles or Things suggested, and can without very great Inconvenience spare the same, the said Officer in the civil Department shall grant his Warrant, and empower the Officer in the military Department to take and impress the same to and for the Use of the Army. And the said Officer in the military Department shall pay therefor according to the usual customary going Price or Value of such Article or Service done; and the Person cited to appear shall pay all lawful Costs thereon; and if he neglects so to do, Execution shall and may issue therefor. And if it shall appear, upon Examination, that such Person who shall be cited in Manner as aforesaid, hath not any Articles to spare without the greatest Inconvenience, that thereupon such Person shall be dismissed.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever and so often as it shall happen, that a Warrant to cite or notify any Person or Persons who are suggested to have such Articles, and he or they cannot be found by the Officer who hath the Warrant of Citation or Notification, that such Officer shall make Enquiry into the Matter suggested in said Notification, and make Report thereof to the Officer who granted the same, who thereupon shall make such Order and Judgment as to him shall appear right.*

*PROVIDED always, and it is to be understood, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent the military Department from executing all their Force and Power for the Good of the Community at large, when and at any Time the Enemy shall actually land upon the Main, and are making Incursions into the Country.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Acts and Resolutions made and passed by this Assembly, or the Council of War, empowering the Quarter-Masters to impress the aforementioned Articles, be and the same are hereby so far repealed.*

*PROVIDED always, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal the Acts, Orders or Resolutions of the Council of War, apportioning Wood upon the several Towns within this State, to be delivered weekly to and for the Use of the Army; but that the same be paid for according to the going Price, or Value thereof, where the same is delivered: And upon the Neglect of any Town's delivering the Wood, as is by Order of the Council of War directed, such Town where the Town-Councils have not proportioned the same shall be proceeded against as is in this Act prescribed. And in such Town where the Proportions have been made, the delinquent Persons shall be proceeded against in like Manner.*

AND the Secretary is ordered to publish a Copy of this Act in the next *Providence Gazette*.

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*J. Brown appointed one of the Committee to settle J. Reynolds's Accounts.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *John Brown* be added to the Committee, heretofore appointed to adjust the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Agent-Clothier, in the Room of *Rouffe J. Helme*, Esq; and that the said Committee adjust the said Accounts, and make Report as soon as may be.

*Committee to wait on Gen. Sullivan respecting the Continental Horses kept here.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, and Mr. *John Brown*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to wait on Major-General *Sullivan*, and request him to cause an Enquiry to be made into the Number of Horses belonging to the Army within this Department; and that he would reduce the same, if they exceed the Number allowed by the Resolutions of Congress.

*W. Channing allowed £ 25 10 s.* WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire, in attending on this Assembly at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-five Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in the respective Counties: And that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the last *Monday* in *February* next, then to convene at the State-House in the County of *Kent*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*



















